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Election planning in confusion

'Women only' Labour seats ruled illegal

By PHILIP WEBSTER, PAUL WILKINSON AND FRANCES GIBB

LABOUR'S election planning was thrown into confusion yesterday when its policy of preventing men from standing in dozens of parliamentary seats was declared illegal.

The party immediately froze the selection process in 14 constituencies, nine of which were close to making a choice from women-only shortlists. But it is almost certain to appeal against an industrial tribunal's judgment that the policy amounted to sexual

Labour also claimed that the ruling would not affect the 34 seats where women have already been chosen to fight the next election. It is confident that the judgment cannot be retrospective, and other unsuccessful would-be candidates are thought unlikely to

lodge discrimination claims. The Leeds tribunal's decision is nevertheless an embarrassing blow to the leadership and it was greeted gleefully by the Conservatives, whose deputy chairman, Michael Trend, derided the policy as a "blatant exercise in sexism and political correctness".

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Under the scheme, introduced two years ago, half the candidates in "winnable" candidates in seats and half where the MP is retiring, have to be women. iony biair had aiready mac plain that the rule would apply only for the current Parliament, and many in the male-dominated Parliamentary Labour Party will privately pleased at the ruling. But with an election possible within months, the last thing Mr Blair wants is for constituen-

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Peter Jepson, left, and Roger Dyas-Elliott

cies to be left without candidates while a legal dispute is

Yesterday's ruling is not binding on other cases, but it is regarded as a good indication of how the courts would regard the issue. Labour may now lodge an appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal for a definitive ruling, but it will also have to weigh up the practicalities of becoming embroiled in further legal action

as the election looms. An appeal could take anything up to 20 months - well past the latest date for an election — and although the. appeal tribunal could give a binding ruling, any such decision would probably be challenged in higher courts. If an election were called in the meantime, Labour would swiftly have to impose candidates, who would be denied the advantage of getting to

know the electorate. by Peter Jepson, 45, and Roger Dyas-Elliott, 49, who were supported in their challenge by the Equal Opportunities Commission. They claimed that the shortlists amounted to unfair discrimination and contradicted party policy which stated that Labour

opportunity". After a two-day hearing last month, the tribunal chairman. John Prophet, said Labour's policy amounted to sexual discrimination, but the tribunal did not use its powers to award compensation or order any action to remedy the bias.

Mr Jepson, a law lecturer who was rejected by two London constituencies, described the decision as the death knell for all-women shortlists and said that he

might reapply.

But Mr Dyas-Elliott said he would not force the Keighley Labour Party in West Yorkshire to reconsider him. He would support the widow of the constituency's former MP Bob Cryer who has been selected to fight the seat. "I do not want to rock the boat, but I see this as a moral victory and

I don't want any redress." Tom Sawyer, Labour's general secretary, expressed surprise at the ruling, which he described as a setback. "We do not believe it to be correct and we have proceeded throughout in the belief we have been acting in accordance with the law," he said. "We will be urgently and seriously considering with our legal advisers the question of an appeal.

declaration and accordingly. for the time being, we will put all outstanding all-women shortlists on hold until we have had time to consider the judgment." Other officials emphasised that suspending the selections did not imply Continued on page 2, col 4



Times Square, almost deserted yesterday as 22 inches of snow covered New York. The usually violent city has had no murders since Saturday

New York muggers frozen off streets

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE weather in New York was so bad yesterday that even the muggers stayed at home. Police said that the city, which usually has three or four murders a day, had seen no homicides, stabbings or robberies since Saturday night.

Officers did venture out into that naked people were hurl-ing snowballs at each other. The belligerents turned out to be visitors from California, where the temperature was 89F. Asked if the police arrested them, one officer confided: "Nah. we just

The heavy snow brought good luck for some city carbuyers. As a publicity stunt, Potamkin Automotive Centre promised customers they could have cars they had recently leased free if more than four inches of snow fell in Central Park yesterday. The ow have to pay leases of up to \$800 (£516) a month on about 100 luxury

sedans. He says he is insured. The worst blizzard in decades dumped up to three feet of snow along the East Coast yesterday, smothering cities from Washington to Boston. With 22 inches blanketing

New York, the Big Apple was transformed into a country hamlet with no cars, no gime and residents skiing in the streets. Normally timorous neighbours exchanged greetings, and strangers strolling on Fifth Avenue swapped "high five" handshakes.

harbour turned ships away. the United Nations shut down and most of the New York commodity exchanges took the day off. The New York Stock Exchange opened for just three hours. Even the local icehockey team cancelled its game. Snowdrifts up to 20 feet

high and "white-out" conditions left thousands stranded at the city's three international airports, and flights from Europe were diverted to as far away as Maine. Passengers on Fred Gadomski, a meteorone New York-bound train got stuck for six hours when ologist at Penn State Univeroverhead electrical cables

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani declared a "snow emergency" and appealed to the city's inhabitants to stay at home. "This is a very, very danger-ous situation," he said. "Everyone can look out their window and see that." The vicious Northeaster cut a

swathe through Kentucky. Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York. Connecticut and Massachusetts with more than 24 hours of continuous snowfall.

sity, predicted that the blizzard would be the "greatest snowstorm to hit the area since records began 125 years ago. Roads in New Jersey were closed to all but emergency vehicles, and police were

authorised to impound cars that ignored the ban.

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Lynch mob grabs jet crash crew

An angry crowd tried to lynch four Russian crew members of a cargo plane that crashed into a crowded market in Zaire, killing more than 250. people, most of them women and children.

The police saved the four from the mob and took them into custody, while fellow officers were looking for a Ukrainian and a Zairean who were also in the crew. Jet crash, page 4

Portillo protest

Michael Portillo has accused enemies in the Conservative Party of running a campaign against him. The assertion swiftly sparked new complaints that he had ignored the Prime Minister's weekend call for a truce in the

Internet Times

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£14m prize is still unclaimed

By ALEXANDRA FREAN MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

AN investigation by the National Lottery organiser has pinpointed when and where tickets were sold to the mystery winner of a third of last Saturday's record £42 million jackpot who has still not claimed their prize.

Two of the three ticketholders known to have won E14 million each in Saturday's rollover draw have so far come forward and have asked to remain anonymous.

A spokeswoman for Camelot said that the company had ruled out the possibility that the outstanding winner might be a commercial syndicate. The company estimates that the mystery winner is losing up to £2,500 in interest every

Lottery award, page 3

World leaders pay tribute after Mitterrand dies at 79

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS shades, diplomats, enemies

and allies praised the states-

man and intellectual who

presided over France for long-

Charles de Gaulle.

er than either Napoleon or

WORLD leaders paid tribute yesterday to François Mitterrand, the longest-serving French President, who has died at the age of 79.

After a long battle with prostate cancer, M Mitterrand died in his sleep at 8.30am yesterday morning in the apartment adjoining his Paris office near the Eiffel Tower.

The former Socialist President, who left office in May after two seven-year terms, will be buried after a private service on Thursday at his family's tomb in Jamac, in southwestern France. Thursday has been declared a national day of mourning, to be marked by a Mass at Notre-Dame cathedral in Paris, which world leaders are expected to attend.

Former and present heads of state, politicians of all

Mitterrand: record term

contribution to public life."

John Major said, while applauding the "exceptional courage and dignity with which he faced his final

Baroness Thatcher, who "He made an outstanding shared the world stage with M Mitterrand, not always amicably, for more than a decade, said: "By his bearing and his culture, he came to symbolise .something of the essential

> President Chirac, twice defeated by M Mitterrand in his bid to become leader, said: Over 14 years, M Mitterrand wrote an important page in the history of our country."

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Maxwell trial jury retires

By Jon Ashworth

THE jury in the Maxwell trial spent last night in a hotel after retiring and considering its verdict for 45 hours.

The seven women and five men have heard more than 70 witnesses in the 121-day trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell - the sons of the late media magnate Robert Maxwell - and Larry Trachtenberg, a former

adviser to the Maxwell. Kevin Maxwell. 36, the only defendant to give evidence, denies conspiring with his father to defraud pensioners of

shares worth £100 million in Scitex Corporation, an Israeli With his brother, Ian, 39, and Mr Trachtenberg, 42, he also denies conspiring to de-

fraud pensioners of shares worth £22 million in another Israeli company, Teva Phar-

without a merit award and before

private earnings. However, critics fear

that putting an end to the pay structure that has dominated the NHS

for 50 years will increase fragmenta-

Bob Abberley, the head of health at Unison, the NHS staffs union, said:

Whatever this individual's qualities.

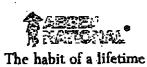
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Rottweiler Fritz lands NHS with bill of £1,700 be paid a salary of £52,440. By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

AN NHS trust paid £1,700 to import the family dog belonging to a consultant anaesthetist as part of a salary package to lure him from America, it

was disclosed last night.
The Hartlepool and Peteriee NHS Trust paid the cost of transporting the consultant's Jeep as well as an air ticket for Fritz the rottweiler.

gone mad", highlights one example of the lengths to which trusts are now having to go in order to secure medical staff in shortage specialities.

Ian Sproat, the director of personnel

for the trust, said: "We go the extra mile. The dog cost more than the anaesthetist to bring over - including £1,400 for six months in quarantine but that is not a lot in comparison with what you would have to pay a firm of head-hunters." The anaesthetist is to A survey by the National Associ-ation of Health Authorities and Trusts

found that anaesthetists, paediatricians and accident and emer-gency consultants among those in shortest supply. Chief executives are seeking consultants in South Africa. America and Germany and are offering relocation awards of up to

The basic NHS salary for a consultant ranges from £45,000 to £55,000

train up more people in the specialties. not to go shopping abroad."

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Shephard sanctions more selection in state schools



Shephard: will allow

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION LOTTOR

GILLIAN SHEPHARD announced a decisive shift towards selection in state schools yesterday when she proposed allowing one in seven pupils to be chosen on academic

The Education and Employment Secretary issued plans to scrap regulations limiting selection to a narrow range of subjects and raise the number of places that comprehensive schools are able to reserve. Schools would be allowed to set their own tests, as well as interviewing pupils and parents. For the past three

years, state schools have been allowed to choose li) per cent of pupils for aptitude in technology. languages, music, drama or sport without applying for a formal change of character. But ministers have until now drawn a firm distinction between specialisation and general academic selection.

With Labour also embracing specialisation. Mrs Shephard has seized the opportunity to place "clear blue water" between the parties in an area where the Opposition is thought to be vulnerable. As disclosed in The Times last November, she proposes to raise the limit to 15 per cent and leave schools to determine their own

selection criteria. By halving the length of the circular sent to schools. Mrs Shephard said she was cutting down the "forest of regulation and rigid bureaucracy" surrounding admissions arrangements. The new guidance would cover all state schools, but would be employed mainly by the grant-maintained sector, which until now has had to apply to ministers for any change of

The draft circular said Mrs Shephard considered the distinction between subjects available for specialisation "somewhat artificial". She proposed to allow 15 per cent of a school's intake to be selected "in any subject or combination of subjects, or by general ability".

Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are strongly opposed to academic selection. Mrs Shephard was accused immediately of reducing parental choice and reviving the 11plus by the back door.

Teacher unions were united in their opposition. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Permitting schools to select up to 15 per cent of pupils generally is a substantial extension of selective education by any standards. It risks harming the interests of those pupils whose parents fail to achieve their

preference by the operation of selection procedures."

Graham Lane, chairman of the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. said: "The Government is simultaneously abandoning its commitment to parental choice and further undermining the comprehensive principle that every child should have equal access to a good school within reach of their home."

Local Schools Information, a pressure group opposed to opting out, said the extension of selection could be challenged in the courts.

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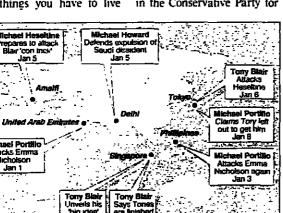
Tory Left plotting against me, says defiant Portillo

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL PORTILLO accused enemies in the Conservative Party of running a campaign against him yesterday. His supporters claimed there was a left-wing plot to

end his leadership chances. A day after John Major called for an end to Tory infighting, the Defence Secretary gave a radio interview from Japan in which he claimed that a campaign had been whipped up against him. He told the Today programme on BBC Radio 4: "That's one of the things you have to live with in politics." Asked if he thought he was a special target, Mr Portillo replied: "Well, so it seems, but I make no complaint about that."

The assertion swiftly sparked new complaints against him that he had ignored the Prime Minister's call for a truce. Last week he irritated some ministers and MPs by attacking Emma Nicholson over her defection from the Tories. Yesterday he provoked further criticism by saying that there was no room in the Conservative Party for



Political abuse tops export drive

FROM the Middle East to Japan, bemused foreigners will be breathing a sigh of relief that Parliament reassembles today. Although you could be forgiven for not noticing, the Commons has been in recess.

That has not stopped our most senior politicians from carrying on the war by other means. Tory splits, which normally reverberate no further than our own shores. have turned up as far afield as the Philippines. Tony Blair's "big idea" has been launched in Singapore. And British arms sales to Saudi Arabia have been robustly defended

For the Tories, most of their political rivals are inside their own party, which helps to explain Michael Portillo's turbulent Pacific odyssey. Before he left Britain, Emma Nicholson was scarcely a household name in her own household. Now she has been savaged from the United Arab Emirates to Japan.

The saga began on New Year's Day in the Emirates. when Mr Portillo, promoting defence sales, used a BBC interview to wade into Miss

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent Nicholson over her defection to the Liberal Democrats. He hinted that other Tory MPs

sharing her federalist views

would be better off following

her example. Howls of outrage from the Tory Left failed to deter him. Two days later in the Philippines, Mr Portillo returned to the attack. Yesterday, despite a plaintive appeal from John Major. Mr Portillo was still stoking the flames in Tokyo.

Mr Blair has joined in the fun. His first speech in Tokyo on January 5, telling Japanese businessmen they had nothing to fear from a Labour government, made a modest mpact - until Michael Heseltine. returning from the Italian resort of Amalfi, ac-cused the Labour leader of

After Mr Major's interview with Sir David Frost. in which he admitted his party would lose the election unless it stopped squabbling. Mr Blair intervened from Singapore to say that the Conservatives were finished. It was then a small step to unveil Labour's "big idea" — the stakeholder society - some 6,000 miles

playing a "confidence trick".

MPs demanding a federal Europe.

Supporters of Mr Portillo suggested last night that the repeated sniping was part of a concerted. long-term strategy by leftwingers to discredit him and end his chances of becoming a future Tory party leader. "They have already conceded defeat and their aim is to stop Michael ever becoming leader after the election," one rightwing MP said. Peter Temple-Morris. a

leading Tory leftwinger, said Mr Portillo's claims about a campaien against him were "simplistic and only serve to reopen the argument".

Mr Portillo showed no sign of backing away from his hardline stance over Europe. Asked whether there was room in the Tory party for MPs demanding economic and monetary union, he said: "Not if they believe, of course. in a United States of Europe. That is something the Conservative Party is against."

Mr Portillo also hardened his criticism of Miss Nicholson, who defected to the Liberal Democrats. In contrast to the Prime Minister's conciliatory references to Miss Nicholson on Sunday, Mr Portillo said: "The fact of the matter is that Emma Nicholson did show disloyalty to two prime ministers in a row and I said that fairly and squarely and I don't think there can be any denying that."

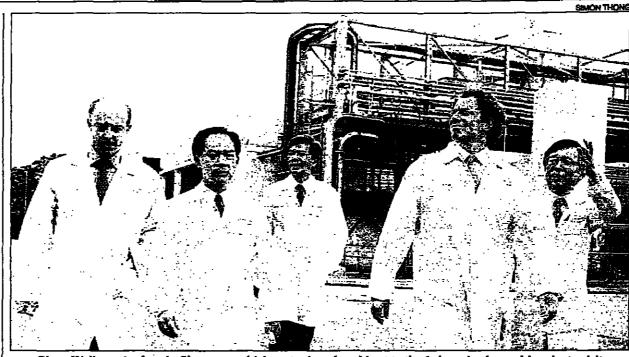
Meanwhile, the internal

Tory struggle for supremacy over Europe continued with pro-Europeans opening up a campaign to put the case for a single currency and calling on Euro-sceptics to stop confus-ing voters with "Euro-pessimism and myths".

The European Movement. backed by several Tory MPs, pointed to poll evidence suggesting that more than half those questioned wanted closer co-operation between EU countries with Britain playing a leading role.

☐ Speaking in Tokyo yester-day, Mr Portillo provoked condemnation from veterans of Japanese PoW camps when he underlined the Government's support for Japan to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council and gave his personal backing for closer co-operation between the British and Japanese military.

Bill Holtham, chairman of the Japanese Labour Camps Survivors Association, said the Japanese should not be considered as a permanent member of the Security Council "until they have wiped the slate clean of the terrible cruelties they inflicted on our



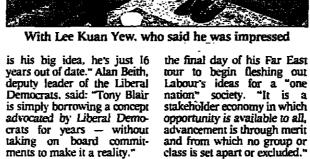
Glaxo-Wellcome's plant in Singapore which yesterday played host to the Labour leader on his private visit

Blair promises united Britain

TONY BLAIR yesterday promised that a Labour gov-ernment would unite the country by trying to give every citizen a sense of belonging. Setting out his vision of a "stakeholder economy", one of

the so-called big ideas which he claims will transform Britain's fortunes. Mr Blair went close to rejecting his party's traditional belief in redistributing wealth through the tax and benefits system. He also underlined that reform of the welfare system was an integral part of his plans. But the Labour leader came

under immediate attack from the Tories and Liberal Democrats. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, said in a BBC interview: "It was an idea. that we had in 1979, when we enabled people to buy shares in the privatised utilities and industries of Britain. We were opposed tooth and nail by Tony Blair at the time, so if it



tour to begin fleshing out nation" society. "It is a stakeholder economy in which opportunity is available to all. advancement is through merit and from which no group or class is set apart or excluded." He said that the old means on the Left of achieving those

ing a speech in Singapore on Labour's 'women only' rule illegal

The Labour leader was us-

Continued from page ! acceptance of the ruling. The

nine constituencies that were close to choosing women candidates were Gravesham. Great Yarmouth, Warrington South, Salford, Bolton West, Blackpool North, Stretford, Rochdale and Betinnal Green. Five others in the North, South Wales and Leicester were to start selection soon. Leading lawyers have been

at odds about the legality of the all-women lists. The Equal Opportunities Commission obtained an opinion last year from Michael Beloff, QC, who thought it was lawful. But Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC. another expert in the field, said it was not.

The argument hinged on whether Labour fell within the exceptions provided under the Sex Discrimination Act. These

include the internal activities of political parties unless - as the European Court of Justice recently held - the selection of candidates for a shortlist is considered to be engagement

in a profession or trade.

James Goudie QC, who represented Labour at last month's hearing, had argued that MPs were neither employees, nor did they work in a

tion in the tax and benefit regime. "But in the global economy, the old ways won't do. A life on benefit, dependent on the state, is not what most people want. They want independence, dignity, a chance to earn and get on."

Mr Blair said the stake-

holding principle should also apply within firms. He said it was time to shift the emphasis away from companies being a mere vehicle for the capital market to being a community or partnership in which each employee had a stake.

He placed long-term unem-ployment at the top of the agenda with a pledge to bring back into mainstream society people who felt alienated. "If we fail in that, we waste talent, squander potential wealth-creating ability and deny the basis of trust upon which a cohesive society, one nation, is built," he said

Mr Blair said that reform of the welfare system would be one of the main objectives of an incoming Labour govern-ment: it did not alleviate poverty effectively, and it did not properly assist the growth of independence, the move from benefit to work.

Lee Kuan Yew. Singapore's senior minister, said he had been impressed by Mr Blair, whom he said could turn out to be a worthy successor to Baroness Thatcher, whom Mr Lee has praised for attempting to transform the British economy.

Opera House staff threaten one-day strikes

By Daly a Alberge and Alasdair Steven

STAFF at the Royal Opera House voiced a chorus of disapproval yesterday, declar-ing a lack of confidence in the manage-ment. Fearing up to 200 redundancies and demoralised by a pay freeze dating back to 1992, they threatened to stage a series of one-day strikes. At a meeting attended by about 200

members, staff called for Jeremy Isaacs, the general director, to "be prepared to answer questions". Keith Cooper, director of corporate affairs, was unable to specify the exact number of redundancies vesterday but did not dismiss the 200 figure as too high. He blamed the decline in private funding and said: "It's very sad that we have not been able to convince a section of our staff of the enormity of the financial problems facing the house. Redundancies

hard to demonstrate why this regrettable step is necessary to balance the books."

The Royal Opera House was recently awarded E55 million from the National Lottery towards its £200 million redevelopment. It is cutting the number of new productions for the new season from seven to two.

Libby Purves, page 16 way to collect him.

Dorrell demands fairer NHS care

the quality of health care in different parts of the country must be dealt with, Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secre-tary, said last night. Denying recent warnings that the NHS would be unable to provide universal free care, Mr Dorrell said equity was a

key principle.

Highlighting variations in Caesarcan rates, coronary bypass rates and grommet operations for "glue car", he said that responsibility for challenging such variations rested firmly with health authorities and GPs.

Lottery bribe row

Richard Branson told Peter Davis, the lottery regulator, yesterday that he would not give evidence to an independent inquiry into claims he was offered a bribe to withdraw from the contest to run the inquiry would not "com-mand public confidence". Balloon race, page 9

Police cash plea

The Chief Constable of Warwickshire, Peter Joslin, is to plead with the Home Office today for extra money to avoid further cuts in resources. Yesterday he said a 66 million pound shortfall this year had meant station closures and a recruitment freeze, adding: "We are managing on a shoestring."

Meningitis birth

Stacey Cunniff, aged 17, a meningitis victim was "im-proving" last night after un-dergoing a Caesarean operation to save her unborn son. Callum was delivered seven weeks prematurely and has shown no signs of the infection, said a spokeswoman at South Cleveland Hospital. Middlesbrough.

Parrot man jailed

Alan Griffiths, a retired vet who snuggled the eggs of rare parrots into Britain from Australia, was jailed for eight months yesterday at Swansca Crown Court. Griffiths, 68, of Llanbethery. South Glamorgan, admitted species and ordered to forfeit £29,000.

Planning bonus

Oxford City Council will gain at least £2 million if it grants planning permission later this month for a £17 million leisure development near the city's railway station. The 62acre Oxpens development site is owned jointly by the Labour-controlled council and

Salut! to genes

The protective effect of alcohol against heart disease depends on the genes of the drinker, French scientists have discovered. Those with the "right" genes who drank at least 50 grams of alcohol a day, equivalent to six glasses of wine, halved their risk of a heart attack

School bus death

A 14-year-old boy dragged to his death under the wheels of a school bus yesterday when his bag apparently caught in the folding doors after he alighted. The accident was witnessed by the boy's mother, who was travel-ling behind the bus on her



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Rescuers order stranded sailors to jump ship

By PETER FOSTER

A ROYAL NAVY helicopter crew rescued five sailors from the Atlantic yesterday after ordering them to jump into the 30ft waves from the deck of their stricken ship.

The men were on the 4,000tonne Romanian cargo vessel Covasna, which was adrift in force 9 gales 300 miles south-west of Cape Finisterre on the Spanish coast. They had remained on board after the captain ordered 17 other crewmen to abandon ship in two

A Lynx helicopter from HMS Northumberland found the ship pitching too violently to risk trying to winch the men from the deck in lashing rain and winds of almost 40 knots. Instead the Navy crew dropped survival suits and lifejackets on to the quarter-deck. The five were winched from the sea after doming the

suits and jumping overboard.
Commander Steve Bramley. captain of Northumberland, which was on her way to the South Atlantic, said the five uninjured. A Russian tanker picked up the other 17 crew. Last night a Spanish tug was expected to take the Cowasna

> In Scotland a passenger erry bound for Aberdeen from the Faroe islands steamed into invergordon harbour on the Cromarty Firth a day and a half late after being delayed by storms and turned away by harbour masters at Aberdeen. The 4.269 tonne Smyril normally makes the 400-mile trip in 22 hours but when she docked at 9.30pm on Sunday she had been at sea for more than two and:a half days.

> Most of the 52 people on board were students returning to resume their studies in Scotland. Rigin Hammer, 22, of Robert Gordon's University in Aberdeen, said: "Our troubles started as we left the islands. We were sailing into the teeth of a force 9 gale the whole way. The crew had to lash the chairs together to stop. them being thrown round the

Solus Poulson, the Faroe. Islands Commercial Attache in Scotland, said: "It was an experience for the passengers, but the ship performed very

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well in atrocious conditions." in Cornwall a chain ferry that carries cars and pedestrians across the River Fal to the Roseland peninsula broke down in mid-stream after high winds caused the chain to jam. Engineers worked for two hours to free the ferry, which was carrying eight cars, the pilot and the ticket collector.

Manageress fights for job after violence at club's prizegiving

Champion woman golfer punched man off bar stool

spread like wildfire around

the club. Mr Price, aghast at

the rumours, demanded an

internal investigation to try to

clear his name. Mr Price's

wife Pamela, another club

member, told the hearing:

"Mrs Vaughan had won quite a few trophies. I asked her if

she was sober and she replied,

"No - I'm celebrating". She

walked to the bar and I saw

my husband just before he hit

the floor. He was very shaken. It's not the sort of thing you

After the club investigation

Mrs Vaughan of Rogiet, near

Newport, was asked to resign

as ladies' secretary, social

treasurer and county delegate. She stayed on as full-time

manageress at the club shop

but was sacked two months

later. The tribunal heard that

she called the ladies' captain

"old sods".

"old bitch" and officials

Philip Marshall, counsel for

the club, said: "She claims Mr

Price slid his hand underneath

her waistcoat. Words were

expect at our golf club."

A CHAMPION woman golfer punched a six-foot busin man from his bar stool at the club where she worked after claiming that he had stroked her thigh, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Philomena Vaughan, 42, a Welsh champion, was at a prizegiving ceremony at the course where she was shop manageress when she sudden ly shouted: "Don't touch me," and delivered two right hooks.
knocking John Price to the floor in the crowded bar of the £450-a-year Dewstow Golf Club at Caerwent, Gwent.

Mrs Vaughan, 42, who was a Weish gold medal winner and a county player, had been three-times club champion and had a handicap of 14. She was stripped of her titles after an internal inquiry and sacked from her salaried post two months later. The 5ft 6in mother of four claimed that Mr Price slid his hand beneath her long waistcoat and caressed her thigh as she

ing her awards. A club inquiry rejected her claim of sexual harassment and concluded that the county golfer, who had collected several trophies at the ceremony, was "the worse for wear" and had misinterpreted the incident. Mrs Vaughan, but not Mr Price, was suspended. Mrs Vaughan, who is being backed by the Equal Opportunities Commission, is claiming un-

walked past him after receiv-

fair dismissal and sexual dishand towards her. She struck crimination. Mr Price, who him on the chin. He says he was brushing a cigarette end was accompanied to the off her cardigan and she misinterpreted his action, prizegiving by his wife, denied indecently assaulting Mrs striking him twice. He ended Vaughan, whose husband up on the floor. Within 24 Peter was also present. He said that he had tried to hours reports of the inciden were circulating around the golf club. Mr Price became remove a cigarette which was attached to the bottom of her very concerned at the slander-Details of the flare-up ous reports and complained to

> Mr Marshall said she launched a "tirade of abuse" against Elwyn Harris, the club committee chairman. "She made insolent, deroga tory and taunting remarks. She said the ladies captain was an old bitch. She called them old sods and said she would fight them all the way. Then she invited them to sack her," he said.

Mr Price said: "I was only trying to help her. She hit me on the arm and then in the throat. It was all over in a millisecond and I ended up on the floor. I complained after receiving reports of various accusations against me including one from a customer who had heard I had been touching someone up."

Clive Lewis, representing Mrs Vaughan, said the club had discriminated by handling the two complaints in different ways. The club denies unfair dismissal and sex discrimination. The hearing, which is expected to last for exchanged and he put his three days, continues.



Philomena Vaughan: stripped of her titles after being "the worse for wear"

Thompson describes years of marriage break-up



Branagh and Thompson sharing success in 1993, when their marriage had already begun to founder

EMMA THOMPSON, speaking for the first time about her separation from Kenneth Branagh, has disclosed that their marriage began to founder more than three years before the break-up was announced in October.

Problems arose before rumours began bout Mr Branagh's friendship with Helena Bonham Carter, whom he met in 1993 on the set of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. "Our separation had nothing to do with anyone else." Miss Thompson, 36, said in an interview in

The difficulties began about the time that Miss Thompson won an Oscar for her role in Howards End, effectively eclipsing Mr Branagh's assault on Hollywood. He had been regarded as the brighter prospect of the two and wrote his autobiography when he was 28.

"I committed every molecule to my marriage, so relinquishing it has been very hard. It's been like breaking your fingers as you let go," she said. Despite the sorrow they remained close friends:

She said: "Certainly it was like sitting on a time bomb ... if you like, the pain sort of started such a long time ago. Three years, I know I am steering into a calmer place. Despite the pain, one comes through it. Marriages stop. Marriages change. People are always saying a marriage 'failed'. It's such a negative way of putting it."

The actress insisted she telt no sense of failure. Her estranged husband agreed. He told the magazine: "Not even a grain of failure in any sense could be attributed to Emma in any of this. She has been absolutely magnificent throughout.

The couple, who married in 1989, enjoyed critical acclaim for Much Ado About Nothing in 1993. Miss Thompson was nominated for another academy award for The Remains of the Day in 1993 and shortlisted the following year for In the Name of the Father.

She expressed no regrets at the fact the couple have no children. "I have no feelings of that sort. I would have thought one is more likely to maintain a something that forces you into it."

The actress declined to discuss Mr Branagh's friendship with Miss Bonham Carter or her own reported liaison with Greg Wise, who stars with her in Sense and Sensibility, her adaption of Jane Austen's novel that has won two awards and five Golden Globe nominations. Asked if she had an affair with Mr Wise, she replied: "That's a separate issue. It involves a third party who is not here and cannot speak for himself."

Miss Thompson appears on the maga-zine cover dressed as Henry V, a role her husband played in 1989. Other photographs show her semi-naked. Asked if she thought she was sexy, she said: "In private, yes. I think of myself as sexual in a human way, but not as a kind of a bombshell. I tend to represent ordinary

Miss Thompson. who has a home in Hampstead, north London, has no plans to leave Britain for the United States. " am sure I could. But I do love England. I love the people. Even if they are not friendly, at least they are funny."

Lottery cash for charity with link to riots

ONE of the organisers of the protest that degenerated into the Brixton riot last month has been employed by a charity that was awarded more than £200,000 of National Lottery money. Lee Jas-per started work yesterday as temporary co-ordinator of the 1990 Trust, which has been given the cash to set up a "black information link".

The initiative is for an online database at commun ity centres across the country to provide information to the black and Asian communities on race, housing, employ ment, local authorities and Westminster. The National Lottery Board said the 1990 Trust met the criteria for being awarded cash to relieve

Mr Jasper, until recently a trustee of the charity, is a key figure in the National Black Caucus, which organised the protest in Brixton over the death in police custody of Wayne Douglas.

Mr Jasper, 37, a father of five, was one of several people who spoke at the protest before rioting broke out on the streets, causing £1 million of damage to commercial premises. He said that the 1990 Trust provided material, including research documents, to support the National Black

The trust has a credible record in the field of the voluntary sector." he said. "It has proved itself and it is wellrespected by funders and has received grants from many

The organisation has met the Home Secretary, government departments and the Association of Chief Police Officers. In fact the trust is meeting Sir Paul Condon on Thursday to discuss policing in London.

He denied having incited the riots with his speech. "I said that as an organiser of the caucus I was exhausted with looking into the eyes of grieving mothers whose children have died and I urged people to get involved and join organisations to ensure that these things don't happen again.

"Although people would like to portray the organisation as having instigated disturbances, our track record stands scrutiny with the best. The National Lottery Board said the trust had provided paperwork supporting its application which made clear its links with the National Black

The 1990 Trust has received backing from charities including £104,000 from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust.

Caucus.

Monk denies sex | Hi-tech fraudster assault on boys

By Adrian Lee

indecent."

Dyer, now of Bidford-on-

Avon, Warwickshire, joined St

John's College in 1975, becom-

ing head nine years later. He

was arrested in September

The jury was told that one schoolboy, who claimed he was assaulted several times.

tried to telephone the charity

ChildLine ten times but was

greeted each time by a record-

ed message saying all lines were busy. In a video-recorded

interview the same boy said

Mr Dyer would come to his

room after lights out, kneel by

his bed and sexually assault

him. Afterwards Mr Dyer would allegedly say "God-bless you" before leaving the

The school has 700 day pupils and 114 boarders. Fees

Mr Dyer also denies an

are £2,180 a term for boarders.

alternative charge of indecen-cy with a child. The trial

A MONK sexually abused six which were inherently boys while he was a headmaster, a court was told yesterday. John Dyer, 55, known as Brother Cyril, was head of St John's College, in Southsea, Hampshire, for ten years. At Winchester Crown Court, Mr Dyer, of the Roman

Catholic order of De La Salle, denied eight charges of indecently assaulting the six pupils between 1985 and 1994. Tim Compton, for the prose-

cution, alleged most of the assaults by Dyer took place in dormitories. Some of the boys. all aged under 16 when the alleged attacks took place, will give evidence by television

Mr Compton said that during one assault Dyer called himself "the lesser spotted phantom bottom biter". One schoolboy was assaulted after a cricket match, it was alleged. Mr Compton said: The defendant assaulted and touched these boys quite delib-

bribed bank staff

BY TIM JONES

A FORMER businessman who lived like a millionaire after bribing young bank employees to reveal customers' details was yesterday jailed for five years.

Michael Boparan chose teenagers who worked at Nat-ional Westminster Bank's card transaction headquarters for his £1.3 million fraud, Southwark Crown Court was told, offering £100 a time for computer print-outs. Working with Russell Jones.

27, who had a reputation for violence, he obtained details of gold and platinum card holders which were then encoded on to lorged bank cards. Police solved the case after a beat constable noticed that a car parked outside Boparan's home had an out-of-date tax disc. Inside, officers discov-

ered dozens of fake credit

cards and a laptop computer

bearing Boporan's finger-

But while Boparan, 30, lived in style at his home in St John's Wood, north London, the young bank staff he and others recruited scarcely benefited. Although the operation would not have been possible without them, the court was told that three former employees, Karen Baigent, 2l, and Deborah Hill, 19, both of

Southend, and Paul Deacon.

20, of Canvey Island, between

them netted about £3,000. The two women were ordered to perform 240 hours' community service and Deacon was sentenced to three months' youth detention. Karine Evans, 22, of Southend, who, with the other three, pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy, will be dealt with

Jones, of Southend, was found guilty of conspiracy to defraud banks and will be sentenced later before being tried on other serious charges. Bulent Osman, 30, of Keston, southeast London, was acquitted of one charge of conspiracy

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Turkish protesters hold three hostage

By Richard Duce

E AN INSURANCE man was being held hostage in north London last night after becoming swept up in a protest over alleged civil rights abuses in Turkey.

Joe Postlethwaite was making routine calls when he stopped at the Turkish and English Chamber of Commerce in Islington. Minutes later the building was stormed by up to 50 protesters who barricaded themselves into two rooms. Mr Postlethwaite, who works for Norwith Union was held hostage from 11.30am with two female members of staff, Salmaz Atan, the administrator, people held inside. He said the protest

and Leah Barber. 20, a secretary. Police was about the death of political prisoners cordoned off the street as negotiators tried to end the siege. The stand-off continued last night but none of the protesters was thought to be armed.

The demonstrators, calling themselves the Solidarity Committee for Political Prisoners in Turkey, were holed up inside the building, close to the Barbican Centre, while a smaller group of about 20 people held a demonstration outside.

In a telephone interview from inside the building a spokesman for the group said it was a peaceful protest and there was no intention of harming the three

in an Istanbul jail last weekend.

The protesters demanded media pubficity about their demonstration and that Amnesty International should investigate the prison deaths. Mrs Alan, who was allowed to speak on the telephone. said: "I am at a loss to understand what they hope to achieve. We are not a Turkish government-sponsored organisation. We promote trade between Turkey

and England," Mr Postlethwaite was allowed to telephone his company to say he was "unavoidably detained" and to reassure

Lighthouse keeper tells inquiry he knew aircraft was heading for disaster

Silence fell after RAF helicopter hit foggy hillside 'with a dull thud'

SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

LIGHTHOUSE keeper described yesterday listening helplessly as an RAF Chinook helicopter carrying 25 of Ulster's most senior anti-terrorist experts and four crew members crashed into a Scottisk hillside in dense fog. killing all on board instantly. David Murchie, 56, who

mans the lighthouse near Southend on the Mull of Kintyre and is a helicopter enthusiast, knew the aircraft was going to crash before it hit the hill. The former policeman at Paisley that he became "very concerned" that the heli-copter would not clear the high ground behind the light-

Mr Murchie, who has taken flying lessons and helped to build a helicopter, told the inquiry he was on duty in the lighthouse at 5.55pm on June 1994, when he heard a Chinook approaching. He identified the helicopter by the sound of its twin rotor blades and assumed it was heading for the helipad beside the Mr Murchie said the area

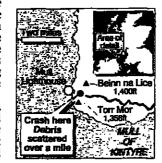
was covered by dense fog and the lighthouse fog alarm was sounding. Visibility was about 20 metres and at no time did he see the helicopter. Initially, Mr Murchie was concerned two pylons close to the landing pad and he ran outside.

He soon realised from the sound of the helicopter that it was not slowing down to land but was carrying on "at cruis-ing speed". He added: "I formed the opinion that he wasn't flying at very high altitude. I became very concerned at this time."

Within seconds, Mr Murchie heard a "dull thud, fol-



Murchie: he heard no



lowed by a whooshing sound and then total silence. He said he knew immediately that the aircraft had crashed. He told his wife to ring the emergency services and headed for the hillside, which was

shrouded in fog. The disaster was the worst suffered by the RAF in 20 years. The helicopter was on its way from Ulster to Fort George, near inverness, for a security conference. On board were ten members of the RUC

intelligence officers, six MI5 officers and four RAF crew. The inquiry before Sheriff

Sir Stephen Young, which is expected to last a month. has been welcomed by the rela-tives of the two pilots who were in charge of the aircraft

Flight-Lieutenant Jonathan Tapper, 28, and his co-pilot Flight-Lieutenant Richard Cook, 30, have already been found guilty of gross negli-gence by the RAF after a board of inquiry. The families of the two men are optimistic that the Paisley inquiry will clear

their names.

Mr Murchie told the inquiry that on his way to the crash house keeper. Hector Lamont. returning from a shopping trip in the lighthouse Land

Mr Lamont said that as they were driving back to the lighthouse and heard the helicopter, his wife said she was concerned it might crash. He had told her it would be flying above the fog. As they arrived at the lighthouse Mr Murchie told them the aircraft had

The two men drove to the scene and discovered wreckage blocking the road and the illside on fire. Dense smoke coupled with fog made visibilivery poor but Mr Murchie found a number of bodies and checked for signs of life. All

Mr Murchie told the inquiry that at no time as he listened to the helicopter approach was there a change in by John Mitchell, for the rown, he said he did not believe it had slowed down or accelerated. The noise of the helicopter disappeared temporarily as the aircraft went behind the lighthouse engine



same speed. "There was nothing abnormal about the enne noise that I could detect,"

Mr Murchie told the inquiry. He agreed with Aidan O'Neill, QC, counsel for Flight Lieutenant Tapper's family, that the fog could have muffled the engine noise and admitted that the noise of the helicopter blades was louder than the noise of the engine. Dr Mhairi Cassidy, a consultant pathologist at Glasing that her post-mortem re-port on Flight Lieutenant Tapper showed no signs of heart attack or any other have caused him to lose control of the aircraft, nor was he under the influence of drink or drugs. A toxicology report on his body was negative. He had died from massive head inju-

the dead had shown that they

ries due to an aircraft accident. Post-mortem evidence on all

flying on "visual flight rules" rather than "instrument flight This means that once the

The inquiry also heard from

Sinead Swift, 27, an air traffic

controller working in Belfast.

She confirmed that the heli-

copter had taken off normally

on the day it crashed and was

helicopter had moved out of

Mrs Swift at 17.47, less than 15 minutes before it crashed.

The Chinook did not carry a black box flight recorder: Lawyers for the pilot's families told a preliminary hearing in Pais-ley last month that they would present evidence which showed that another RAF Chinook had developed engine and computer problems

woman k Drought move is threat to wetlands wildlife'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

WILDLIFE on one of Eureservoirs in Yorkshire by the River Derwent, consen

applied to the Department of the Environment for rmission to take up to 360,000 cubic metres a day from two pumping stawent, 55,000 more than the

Yorkshire Water has

Blaming the summer drought and poor rainfall this winter. Yorkshire are only 24 per cent full at be above 90 per cent. The Royal Society for

the Protection of Birds said yesterday that taking devastating impact on 2,000 acres of flood meadows in the lower Derwent valley which provide a winter home for thousands of waterfowl and a breeding ground for many other birds.

Barbara Young, the RSPB's chief executive, said: "It is extraordinary that Yorkshire Water should apply for this drought order knowing the importance of the site. The lower Derwent valley must not be sacrificed for a quick-fix solution."

A Yorkshire Water sman said: "We have taken our own environmental advice and been assured that our plans would have a minimal effect on flood levels."

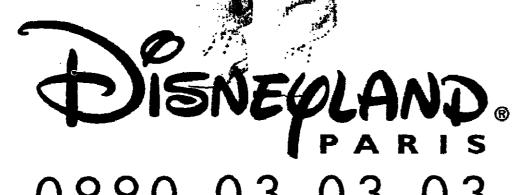
☐ The tourist's first view of Snowdon could soon be obstructed by windmills, protesters claim. Plans to put up 87 windmill turbines on the Denbigh Moors, a popular route to Snowdonia, are to be submitted to Colwyn Bay Bor-

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Wartime weapons were dumped short of deep undersea trench

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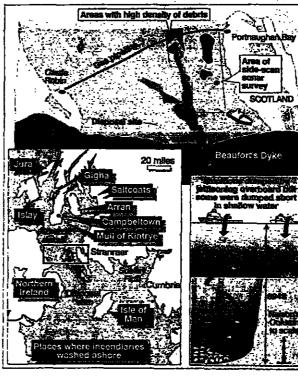
HUNDREDS of thousands of tonnes of wartime munitions were dumped off Scotland short of a deep underwater trench, their intended disposal site, scientists said yesterday. Surveys around Beaufort's Dyke, used as a military dump since at least 1945. confirm claims that huge quantities of weapons, includous gas and grenades, are littering the seabed off the

Derek Saward of the marine laboratory in Aberdeen, which carried out the survey, said yesterday: "We have found definite evidence of dumping outside Beaufort's Dyke." The trench is 800ft deep, 30 miles long and 3 miles wide. The survey was ordered by the Scottish Office after about

4.000 phosphorus-based in-cendiary bombs were washed ashore last year along the west coast, including on Mull and Arran. Environmentalists and Labour MPs claimed the bombs were dislodged by British Gas engineers laying a pipeline between Northern Ireland and Scotland.

in September, a four-yearold boy from Campbeltown on Kintyre suffered burns to his hand and leg after a phosphorous bomb he picked up on the beach ignited. However, the 20-page report published yesterday concluded that there is no risk to the public or marine

The scientists said that concentrations of heavy metals linked with munitions. such as arsenic and cadmium. measured in fish from around cable between Scotland and



lrish seas.

The Earl of Lindsay, a Scottish Office Minister, said yesterday that more research was needed to link the emergence of the incendiaries with the pipeline, which was routed just north of the dump site on government advice. However. he added: "We will have to await the results of the full study for conclusive evidence, but in all probability we acknowledge there could be a

link between the two." Dr Saward said there were also plans to lay an electricity in gas drilling in the area. There was also the risk of fishermen trawling up old weapons in their nets. George Foulkes, the Labour

MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon, who has highlighted concern about the dumping. called for far more extensive searches. There have been suggestions that short dumping took place in the Solway Firth as ships bringing the munitions came from both Stranraer and Cumbria.

Richard Dixon of Friends of the Earth Scotland said they were also far from satisfied said there were fears that 1976, might have contained chemical and biological weap ons such as sarin. It is claimed that up to 2.517.

tonnes of concrete owned by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority was also dumped at Beaufort's Dyke in 1981. Environmentalists fear it this is denied by the authority. The laboratory's report says: "The side scan-sonar and

underwater television surveys confirmed that medium to high densities of dumped materials were present on the seabed in areas to the north. northeast and east of the chartered explosives disposal site. These include areas immof the undersea gas pipeline.

Munitions were seen in boxes. in open crates, or lying loose on the seabed.

underwater television images taken during the survey.
It hoped to identify the exact type of munitions lying outside the 250-metre deep trench, allowing the marine laboratory scientists to assess conclude that it was safer to leave the weapons where they were or that some of the devices found were 100 dangerous to leave on the seabed and might need to be

The laboratory scientists also plan to carry out a further survey in April to see whether munitions were dumped clos-

Crates and canisters held 1m tonnes

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE type and quantity of weapons unknown but the haul is believed to include British, American and German Second World War munitions.

The Ministry of Defence claims the site, one of several underwater ones used by the military, could have been used in the 1920s but has no record of what was dumped. Officially the MoD

tonnes of Army and RAF munitions were jettisoned into Beaufort's Dyke off boats in crates and canisters. These include 14,600 tonnes of 5in rockets containing poisonous phosgene, fuses, grenades, artillery shells, mortar bombs, incendiaries and cluster bombs.

But critics claim there could also be chemical and biological weapons which might be released when metal canisters corrode. That claim has been strengthened by yesterday's report. The minist? had, until the surveys were carried and insisted that all their records showed the municious had been been jettisoned the dyke. These claims have been shown

The last of the RAF wartime must tions were dumped in 1957 but the Army carried on dumping 3,000 tonnes a year. Britain signed international sea dump ing conventions and the last emerged dump of small munitions was in 1976:

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Dr Saward said the Ministry of Defence, which up to recently had maintained that all post Second World War munitions had been dumped within the site, were studying underwater television images.

'My wife sacrificed her life to save our boys — no mother could do more than that'

Woman killed as she pushes sons from path of car

A YOUNG mother on a country walk with her family was killed as she pushed her two children from the path of a car that was spinning out of

As Karine Ratcliffe, 31, took the full impact of the crashing car, her sons Martin, 9, and John, 6, were flung into a hedge. They and their father, ian, suffered only cuts and

Yesterday Mr Ratcliffe, 38, said: "My wife sacrificed her own life to save our boys. No mother could possibly do more than that — they owe their lives to her. It was typical of her to do something so selfless. She loved the boys

more than anything."

The couple's eldest child Alison, 14, had missed the family's regular Sunday walk to visit friends. Martin and John were told of their mother's death by a hospital coun-

"They were amazingly brave and very good. They were little soldiers."

The accident happened on the winding BI325 at Earsdon, near the Ratcliffes' home at Holywell. North Tyneside. The car, a Ford Escort, was approaching the family from behind when it moved to avoid an oncoming van and appar-ently clipped the verge, caus-ing the driver to lose control.

A spokesman for Northumbria Police said: "Mrs Ratcliffe took the force of the collision. It was a terrible tragedy and an awful thing for those two children to see." Mr Ratcliffe said: "We were

walking in single file, facingoncoming traffic. I was at the front, the boys were in the middle and my wife at the back. We always did it that

"I saw a van coming to-

the van passed there was a screech of brakes. I looked over my shoulder and saw the car spinning straight at us and Karine was pushing the two boys out of the way with both hands. The car hit her full on but only clipped the boys because she had managed to get them clear. We were all knocked over.

"When I got up I could see my wife was in a bad way. Both her legs were broken and the back wheel had her pinned against the hawthorn hedge and she clearly had crush and

Martin and John had been thrown into the hawthorns and Mr Ratcliffe had ended up beneath the car's exhaust pipe. Mrs Ratcliffe was pinned to the ground and drinkers from the nearby Beehive Inn used their bare hands to help to lift the car from her.

Elspeth McCall, the pub's essistant manager, said: "It



Ian Ratcliffe yesterday with his sons John, 6, and Martin, 9. All three were injured when a car hit and killed the boys' mother Karine

was an awful scene and the poor lady looked to be in a very bad way. There were quite a few motorists who stopped to help and together

they moved the car. "The family were badly shocked. I took blankets for everyone and we all tried to offer what comfort we could to the children and father until the ambulances arrived."

Mrs Ratcliffe was taken to North Tyneside General Hospital where she was certified

The three children spen Sunday night with relatives. "I wanted to be on my own," Mr Ratcliffe said. "I sat up all night in the dark just thinking

did. I have been struggling to get my thoughts together. "Somehow I have to be strong for the children and try

to fill the gap left by her, but I know that's impossible. She was a lovely jolly lass, in fact her maiden name was Jolly. Last week was wonderful. It was her hirthday on January 2

and our tenth wedding anni-

given up her job as a cook with the Territorial Army's medical versary the next day. Now everything is gone and life will not be the same again for any unit at Fenham barracks in of us. I can't describe how Newcastle upon Tyne to be much we will miss her. She

with her family. The Ford Escort driver, a 21was everything to me and the ar-old man from Whitley Mrs Ratcliffe helped out Bay, has been interviewed by part-time at Seaton Delaval police. A decision on whether First School, where her sons he should face charges will be were pupils. She had recently

Victim in safety vest survives shooting

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN wearing a bullet-proof vest survived a shooting in Moss Side, Manchester, yesterday. Darrell Laycock, 22, was shot in the head and body and his companion, Adele Abdela, 19, was wounded in the arm and hand.

The couple, who were hit by .22 bullets, were put under police armed guard in hospital. Police sources confirmed that Mr Laycock, whose condition was described as stable, had been questioned and released after the murder ten days ago of a suspected drug dealer, Raymond Pitt. 20. Another man was charged

with the killing. day's shooting, which happened at about lam on Alexandra Park, an estate notorious for drug dealing, was a revenge attack for Mr

→Pitt's murder. a Superintendent Lillian King, Moss Side sub-divisional commander, said: "I can reassure the local community we are deploying all available resources. Our main concern people, who form the vast majority of the community." ☐ Twenty-two people were arrested in the Witton area of Birmingham after fighting between rival groups of Asians

A taxi was petrol-bombed, a man was stabbed in the leg

Students ready to perform for Beatle

BY KATE ALDERSON

PAUL McCARTNEY realold school into an international performing arts academy yesterday when 200 hopefuls arrived in Liverpool

for the opening day. Students from as far afield as Japan, Norway and Amerfor an honours degree at the Liverpool Institute of Per-forming Arts.

More than £12 million has been spent on the refurbishment of the 19th-century Institute for Boys grammar school that the former Beatle hopes will become "the world's target for tomorrow's

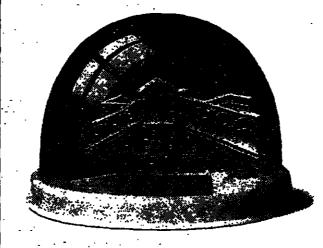
ed when the school did not open on time in September because of building work, have travelled thousands of miles and heaten hundreds of other applicants to get

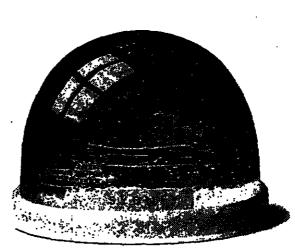
Tokyo said he had joined to make music for a new gener twenties, said he hoped to form a new band at the institute. "I would never have considered a degree course if

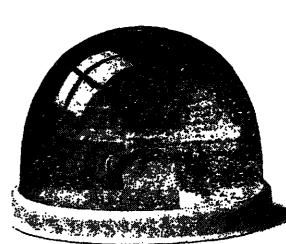
actors, 15 community artists, 19 dancers, 22 enterprise managers, 57 musicians, 14 performance designers and in arts and entertainment.

McCartney hopes to teach occasionally and will attend the official launch at the end of the month.

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began on Sunday night and ended at 5am yesterday.

and police seized 20 weapons. including a machete and rice flails. Officers met community leaders to establish the cause and to try to avoid more

it wasn't for LIPA," he said. The institute will train 32

Iron lady steels will of polar explorer

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE explorer David Hempleman-Adams, the first Briton to walk solo and unsupported to the South Pole, said yesterday he had been inspired by advice in Baroness Thatcher's autobiography when he was about to

give up.

As he battled with an injured back through a blizzard dragging a 285th sledge, he recalled reading how she had been told as a child that it was easy to be a starter, but was she a finisher?

"I'm no great fan of hers but I did remember reading this in The Downing Street Years," said the 39-year-old father-ofthree, speaking just hours after arriving in Chile from the two-month voyage to the Pole. I also thought of my daughter Alicia at school plotting my progress and knew I

couldn't give up."

Mr Hempleman-Adams, I'- from Swindon, Wiltshire, has not seen his wife and three daughters for three months. Speaking from his hotel in Punta Arenas, he said he had lost 32lb by the time he finished his 680-mile trek last Friday. He was flown out of the region in a Hercules after becoming stranded in snow

when he reached the Pole. The

explorer said that as he neared his goal, he thought of how Captain Scott of the Antarctic must have felt in same point only to find he had been beaten by Roald Amund-

sen by a month. Mr Hempleman-Adams said: "It was strange because I could see the Pole with all the antennae from the US base from about 14 miles away because the air is so clear, but I never seemed to get any closer. I thought of Scott and imagined going all that way to get to this position then seeing a black tent, wondering if it was a rock, and then it dawning on him that he's been beaten. It must have wiped

He said the initial stages of the journey were among the worst. The weather was absolutely horrible. I was dragging the sledge into the headwind. up 7ft snow mounds for miles on end and thought This is ridiculous. He pulled his back when he fell after his sledge

him out?

He said that when he reached the US base, where the temperature was -38C, no one was even out of bed but "it



Bradford traffic officer shot □ WPC stabbed in face □ vice-squad officer beaten up by five youths

Police chief condemns 'low life' in violent weekend



Dalby: expects to be in hospital for two weeks

A POLICE chief condemned the "degradation" in society and "un-speakable" crimmals yesterday after a weekend that left two of his officers with stab and shotgun wounds and a third recovering from a vicious assault.

Keith Hellawell, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, said beat officers were the "heroes of the end of the 20th century" because of the bravery they showed in dealing with violent criminals.

He was speaking after PC Neil Dalby. 36, was shot in the leg shortly before midnight on Sunday by a man fleeing an armed robbery

they saw it travelling erratically at high speed, were unaware that the officer, WPC Lisa Sharpe, was stabled in the face when she tackled a man who was threatening men inside had just carried out an a woman with a knife. WPC armed robbery at the Ball Park Sharpe needed six stitches to her cheek after the attack. A man was

the incident. On Sunday, Sergeant

while he was making inquiries in

crashing it in the Odsall district of

Bradford. He and a colleague, who

had been on routine police duty

who followed the vehicle when

PC Dalby, a traffic officer, was

As PC Dalby followed the fugitives, he was warned to back off remanded in custody by magistrates yesterday in connection with and at least one shot was fired. He was hit in the leg and needed emergency surgery for the removal of shotgun pellets from the thigh. Peter Corkindale, a vice-squad officer, had stitches in his mouth after being assaulted by five youths He is recovering in Bradford Royal Infirmary. His injuries are not lifethreatening and he is said to be comfortable. His colleague, PC shot as he chased four men who had abandoned a stolen car after Simon Binks, 28, was receiving

treatment for shock yesterday. Mr Hellawell said: "It shows what low life there is in society today. It's been a weekend of policing in Bradford which shows officers and the violence and unspeakable depths to which some criminals in this country will go in the furtherance of crime."

He said one of the most sickening aspects of the shooting was that only seconds after it happened a piece of electrical equipment was stolen from the stolen car. Police caught the thieves

Mr Hellawell said that although he did not want guns used regularly by police, "this is one circumstance where I would have felt firearms would have been useful to the officer". He said he wanted his officers to have CS gas or pepper sprays. We've been pressing the Government for about three years propellant. It gives police officers more confidence.

He praised the courage an bravery of his men. The police officers of this country are the heroes of the end of the 20th century. The people who take the brunt of the violence in this country are the young police officers who walk out on the streets. Every day

they put their life at risk." The shooting happened after the gunmen's car crashed into bollards. As PC Dalby, a single man from Bradford, cornered them in an alley, one of the men, a mixed race Asian, turned and fired at him with a shotgun from less than 20 yards. They fled leaving the officer, who is from Bradford, slumped on

to be issued with some form of the ground and bleeding badly. Pifteen minutes earlier, the four had held up the leisure centre, the home of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club's academy. The gang, wearing masks, had coshed the manager with a shotgun, causing a minor injury, before escaping with cash. Superintendent Nigel Sutcliffe, PC Dalby's station commander, said it was only through sheer luck that PC Dalby was not

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The idea of aiming for a part of the body is a nonsense. He was aiming at the police officer and just happened to hit a fleshy part."
Detectives are treating the shoot-

ing as attempted murder. PC Dalby is expected to remain in hospital for at least two weeks.

Ageing population causes huge rise in social workers

By Russell Jenkins

SOCIAL work has become the fastest-growing occupation. with battalions of community care workers, residential care assistants and home helps recruited to look after an ageing population.

The growing army of "carers" outnumbers the nation's "protectors" by a margin of can pitch 964.000 social workers into the front line compared with only 238,000 serving in the entire Armed Employment figures drawn

up by the Central Statistical Office for the Government depict buoyant service industries set against dormant and declining manufacturing and construction sectors. The number working in the con-struction industry has fallen from 1,116,000 in 1990 to 818,000 last June, and the number employed in manufacturing from 4,605,000 to

Caring for the elderly is big business and likely to get bigger as the nine million Britons now aged between 50 and 64 reach pensionable age.

Occupation

Armed Forces

Health activities

Post and telecoms

Manufacturing

Computer industries

Source: Central Statistical Office

Construction

Social work

Education

century as the post-war "baby boomers" start collecting their pensions. The number of so-

cial workers rose by nearly 25 per cent from 794,000 in June 1990 to 964,000 at the same time last year, almost entirely because of the expansion in care for the elderly. The numbers of social work-

ers employed by local authorities to monitor problem families has fallen slightly and there has been little increase in the number of carers working in residential homes in the public sector. However, the enormous growth in private residential ` homes in the late 1980s and early 1990s has created a huge market for professional carers such as care assistants and commun-

ity psychiatrists.
John Findlay, social services national officer for Unison, the public sector union, said that the figures reflected a deepseated change within society. Families no longer look after the old at home but expect them to be looked after in

This has provided a huge source of employment Their ranks will be swelled in with places costing about £325 the early decades of the next a week, at an enormous cost to

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taxpayers and the families

Unison wants ministers to review the tax system to take account of the changes. They favour an increase in National Insurance contributions to take account of the rising costs of looking after the elderly.

The number working in the computer industry and related 2.300,000 to 2,400,000 during the past five years, and inward investment and industrial construction are significant growth

Elsewhere the figures show a picture of Britain at odds with the upbeat speeches of Trade Department ministers. The number working in the post and relecommunications industry has fallen from 462,000 to 395.000 in the past five years. The number of teachers, doctors and nurses has been roughly

In the construction industry. housing has yet to recover from the recession. Gary Roebuck. economic advisor for the Building Employers' Federation, said that about 460,000 jobs - a

The manufacturing sector has lost about 790,000 jobs in the past five years and unemployment in the industry is running at about 16 per cent. Some workers have moved to Germany and other continental countries in search of work and others are being retrained.

Mr Roebuck, reflecting the pessimistic mood among builders and developers, said: "The trend at the moment remains basically slowly downwards."

Ageless ageing, pages 12, 13



One of the photographs taken by the schoolgirls. The fairies were stuck to toadstools with hatpins

Cousins' fairy tale casts a spell over Hollywood film-makers

A FAIRY story that intrigued the public for more than 50 years before being revealed as a children's hoax is to be made into a film. In 1917, two schoolgirl cousins. Elsie Wright, 15. and Frances Griffiths, 9. convinced the experts that they had photographed fairies dancing in the woods at Cottingley Dell near Bingley in West Yorkshire.

Kodak verified that the plates taken with the girls' old box Brownie camera were genuine and the novelist Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a keen spiritualist, became a firm believer. Despite a close depicted by the illustrator Arthur Rackham, the pic tures convinced thousands of

people that fairies existed. But in 1983 Elsie, long since married with children of her own, disclosed that it was all a trick to save Frances from being told off by her mother for falling into Cottingley Beck and getting her clothes wet. Now Paramount is planning a film.

The Golden Afternoon.
based on the girls adventures that day. It will be shot at Pinewood studios and on



The drawings by Elsie Hill were good enough to convince Sir Arthur Conan Doyle they were real

Swedish director Lasse Hallström is to direct and his wife Lena Olin, who starred opposite Daniel Day-Lewis in The Unbearable Lightness of Being, is tipped for a

The film will show how Elsie Wright, later Mrs Frank Hill, and Frances, who died in 1986, copied the fairies from Princess Mary's Gift Book and used hatpins to stick them to toadstools as if they were dancing on them.

confirm their story that Frances had been been playing with the fairies in the brook. Mrs Hill later told how she had drawn the figures herself using sepia ink and how they cut them out. Frances cut round the fairies' hands so hadly that experts who studied the pictures became convinced that they were webbed.

The plates were developed by her sceptical father and spiritualist lecture. Conan Doyle's sister was at the meeting and told her brother, who became almost obsessed with the supernatural after his son was killed during the First World War.

The writer sent his agent to Cottingley to examine the scene and obtain the plates. He published the pictures in Strand magazine and sent the girls £20 in war bonds. In 1922 he based his book The Coming of the Fairies on the photographs.

Mrs Hill said later that his

intense interest put the girls off admitting it was a hoax. She said: "I felt that I could not now say they were fakes. It might have upset him dreadfully." She decided to confess in 1983 after thinking it would be unfair on her grandchildren if they discovered their grandmother had photographed fairies. They might have been teased," she said. She also confessed to not believing in fairies. "I never have and never will."

Frances, however, asserted until she died that the photographs were genuine.

Much of the film will be

shot in Yorkshire this spring but nowhere near Cottingley. A site in upper Wharfedale beauty spot of Kilnsey Crags.

on's ghost, including the

house's former owner, Julia

Howard, who said that she

often heard her taffeta skirt

rustling next to her on the

Mr Cox is not alone in complaining of the smell Ron Smith, the trust's chair-

man, and Brian Balshaw, the

resident warden, have also

Eurostar

train puts Kent on timetable

stopped at a provincial station for the first time yesterday. Previously the 186mph train ran straight from Waterloo station in London through the Channel Tunnel to Paris and Brussels. The new stop at Ashford International Terminal in Kent will not add to journey times, and fares from Ashford will be the same as from London. About nine trains a day are due to stop there.

Leading article, page 17

Jobcentre case

A woman accused of attempted murder at Bexleyheath Jobcentre in southeast London was remanded in custody. Pearline Ayton, 27, will appear before Bexley magistrates again next Monday charged with trying to kill Simon Bridge, Mandy King, Sonia Fairburn and Robert Wood last week. Her solicitor made no application for bail.

Court verdict

People in England and Wales are divided over allowing television cameras into court to film for broadcast. A MORI survey of 2,000 people for the BBC found 49 per cent against, 36 per cent in favour Sixty-five per cent said they would favour an experiment similar to one in Scotland in 1994, with 27 per cent opposed.

Carpet cache

A collection of carpets worth up to £450,000 each, assembled by the Bernheimer family of Munich, founders of what was once the largest antiques, and decorating firm in the, world, is to be auctioned at Christie's in London next month. The carpets, some 500 monasteries to save them from

Nazi treasure hunters. Holiday club risk

Children are being put in danger in badly run, ill-equipped holiday clubs throughout the Mediterra-nean, Holiday Which? says today. Some clubs were run: from the backrooms of bars and were overcrowded with little for youngsters to do. At others, children could run unsupervised across busy roads, the magazine reports.

Zoo charges

Two men charged over the slaughter of a collection of exotic birds were remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Stratford, east London. James Allen, 19, of . Canning Town, and Royston . Budge, 18, of Plaistow, were accused of aggravated burglary at Plashet Park Zoo where 36 birds were killed.

About to receive

A pub and restaurant business owned by the television chef Keith Floyd went into receivership. Grant Thornton, the receivers, said the Maltsters at Tuckenhay, Devon, had failed because of losses incurred during its development phase. The inn, opened in 1989. would continue trading while a buyer was sought.

CORRECTION

A report on sexism in the City ; (December 21) referred to Samantha Phillips's award of El8.000 last year "after rejecting the advances of a married colleague". While her claim for unfair dismissal was upheld by an industrial tribunal, her allegation that she was sexually harrassed by Giles Wilkinson, the colleague concerned, was rejected. We apologise to Mr Wilkinson for the .

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Victorian photographer blamed for whiff of supernatural world church crypt. He claims to seen or heard Mrs Camer-

By JOHN YOUNG

THE "ghost" of a Victorian photographer with an apparent aversion to music is causing something of a stink at her lormer home on the Isle of Wight

Volunteers restoring the house in Freshwater, where Julia Margaret Cameron lived from 1860 until her death in 1879, complain that they are assaulted by an overpowering smell every time they switch on their music player.

Leo Cox. one of the volunteers working for the trust that owns the building, said: It's a dank earthy smell, like a rotting body that has been buried for years. "The stench is quite over-

powering: it really knocks you back." Mr Cox is famil-

iar with such smells, having

worked in a cemetery and a

have seen Mrs Cameron's ghost several times but, despite having two loaded cameras at the ready, has so far failed to capture it Mrs Cameron took

photography soon after her arrival in Freshwater at the age of 4S. With Queen Victoria in frequent residence at nearby Osborne House after the death of Prince Albert. the village became a fashionable resort for famous writers, artists and actors.

Among her subjects were her long-time friend and neighbour, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Charles Darwin, William Thackeray, the actress Ellen Terry, Robert Brown-ing, Holman Hunt, Edward Lear, Lewis Carroll and Alice Liddell, the model for Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Although

professional contemporaries, mainly for chauvinistic reasons, she quickly acquired 2 popular following. More than a century after her death, the Royal Photo-

graphic Society says that it

receives more inquiries about Mrs Cameron than about any other British photographer. The house was threatened with demolition to make way

for a block of flats but was rescued by the trust in 1993 with support from among others, the photographers David Bailey and Koo Stark and the actor Charlton

suffered and audiences at musical evenings have been forced to hold their noses.

Among the trustees is Hugh Noyes, son of the poet Alfred Noyes, former High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight and one-time parliamentary correspondent of The Times. Many people claim to have

Mr Smith said: "It's really embarrassing. We've had the drains checked and they're Mrs Cameron's ghost is apparently not simply giving

vent to its feelings about late 20th-century pop music. The concerts have chiefly featured 18th and 19th-century classical composers, including Vivaldi, Haydu and Liszt.

China opens doors to answer claims of orphans' abuse

From James Pringle in Shanghai

CHINA threw open the doors of an orphanage at the centre of an international dispute here yesterday in an unprece-dented public relations exercise, but it failed to refute American reports that deliberate starvation had led to the preventable deaths of hun-dreds of children during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

The orphanage, the Shang-hai Children's Welfare Institute, which cares for 512 orphans in an old and chilly former Catholic mission, was predictably functioning normally yesterday, as guests were shown well-fed, warmlyclad children being cared for

by attentive staff.

The institute is held up as a model for Chinese orphanages even though until 1992, according to the New York-based Human Rights Watch, children were being deliber-ately starved to death. In the 331-page report, the group said "the brutal treatment of orphans in Shanghai, which included deliberate starvation, torture and sexual assault, continued over many years and led to the unnatural deaths of more than 1,000

ment investigation completed by 1992 cleared the orphanage of any wrongdoing.

Now foreign couples visit the institute in the hope of adopting a child. Some of the scenes of mentally or severely physically handicapped child-ren were harrowing, as they would be in any such institution, but many of the orphans were playing happily yesterday, as others received massage and therapeutic treatments for cerebral palsy and other physical and mental infirmities. Bizarrely and perhaps excessively, there was even a computer room for the children with new monitor

The institute's former director, Han Weicheng, 48, who was accused by the rights group of raping a girl in his care, emphatically denied the reports that deliberate abuse and starvation had led to preventable deaths. He said that high mortality rates during that period phanage at that time was caused by medical problems, not abuse.

He admitted that the death rate had risen to 19 per cent -far below the "up to 90 per cent" alleged by the rights of 1939, when electrical power for heating failed, but he said it was now about 3 to 5 per cent. "I don't know the details of the figures — 1 can't remember, Mr Han said.

Officials at the orphanage failed to provide statistics for these years, saying "we did not collect them". Given the previpresent high-profile visit of correspondents, which the Chinese Foreign Ministry had helped to organise, this seemed a significant omission.

Correspondents were also not permitted to visit another orphanage on an island at the mouth of the Yangtze, where the group said abuses were continuing. But it has acknowledged that conditions in Shanghai have improved.

The Human Rights Watch report on the orphanage from 1988 to 1992 draws heavily on the evidence of Zhang Suyun, whom the group described as here denied she was a doctor. Mr Han said her comments had been "astonishing and appalling - it was as if this place were a slaughterhouse". He said she had wanted to become director of the insti-



Han Weichang, the former director of the Shanghai orphanage, plays with a child there yesterday during an officially sanctioned visit by foreign journalists. A US rights group alleges starvation and torture led to deaths of 1,000 children

paigned against him. "That's why she made these mean and

base charges," he said. Mr Han denied the rape allegations and said the girl was mentally retarded and charges by Mrs Zhang. She is has Human Rights Watch said to have recanted, but there is no confirmation of this. If the Shanghai authorities failed to provide figures for mortality here in the late 1980s and early 1990s, neither

proved that, as it says, there was "clear evidenœ".

detail. The screening of the programme has already comdicated the visit to China of Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign A Channel 4 programme tonight will look at the situa-Secretary. Peking wants the tion of China's alleged chil-British Government to stop

Warning to Peking by Rifkind

FROM MICHAEL STEINBERGER IN HONG KONG

BRITAIN will consider taking China to the World Court if Peking carries out its threat to dismantle Hong Kong's Legislative Council in 1997. Malcoim Rifkind, the Foreign

Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Rifkind urged the mainland Government to scrap plans to replace the council with a provisional assembly. He told members London would be willing to appeal to the World Court or pursue any other legal op-tions that might persuade China to keep the democratically elected legislature. However. Peking does not recog-

nise the court's authority. Mr Rifkind, in Hong Kong for several days of consultations before heading to Peking, fielded questions from council members in a halfempty chamber at a meeting open to public and press.

it was the first time a British Foreign Secretary had appeared before Hong Kong's legislature in an open session and was seen as a fence-mending gesture by Mr Rifkind, widely criticised for failing to tackle the council's future during talks in October with his Chinese counterpart,

Qian Qichen. Mr Rifkind promised to take a more assertive stand when he meets Mr Qian and other officials in Peking.

Jet crash in Zaire market 'kills 250'

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AT LEAST 250 people died yesterday when a cargo plane crashed into a crowded market in the centre of Kinshasa, the capital of Zaire, an official of the International Committee of the Red

ren gathered in the market of corrugated iron and wooden shacks.
"Many of the bodies
were mutilated. The plane ploughed through the market for about 100 yards before it came to a halt," a witness said.

A fire crew from the nearby Ndolo airport, from where the Russianmade Antonov 32 took off, rushed to the scene and tried to dampen the flames. Officials said the cargo jet overshot a runway and tore across a busy street into the marketolace at about ipm. The jet ripped through cars and hawkers' stalls.

Witnesses said the plane then exploded. There was no official word on casualties, but hospital workers and the national news agency estimated that more than 200 people had died.

It was not known what the jet was carrying or how many people were on board, although there were reported to be at least five crew. The crash was the sec-

ond in the past month involving a Zaire-based cargo jet. On December 18, a jet operated by Zaire's Trans Service Airlift, a charter firm, crashed in Angola, killing at least 136 people.

Head of shattered Shin Bet resigns over Rabin killing

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE head of Israel's internal security service Shin Bet resigned yesterday in a belated gesture over the deback of November 4, when his agents failed to prevent the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister.

The departure of the man known only as "K", the initial of his first name, for security reasons had been expected but political sources said that it had been delayed because Shimon Peres, the new Prime Minister, was afraid that without him the shattered service might fall apart completely.

A number of leading Shin Bet members have stood down since the organisation's disastrous performance at the Tel Aviv peace rally when Rabin was shot by a right-wing Jewish militant, Yigal Amir, 25, who was able to approach him at close range without being challenged.

Asked to confirm radio reports about the resignation yesterday, Aliza Goren, chief spokeswoman for Mr Peres, said: "Unfortunately, yes." Most Israeli intelligence analysts had expected the resigna-



Perry: offer to police any Golan agreement

tion to come with publication of the state commission of inquiry's report on the killing. Ironically "K", who only took the post at the beginning of last year, was regarded as an expert on right-wing Jewish extremists and was resented by many of his colleagues who regarded the Arab threat

According to Israeli officials, "K" was out of the country on unspecified secret business when Rabin was shot. The inquiry commission has heard evidence from witnesses who said they had advised him not to leave because of the risk of violence at the rally.

as the greatest risk to the

"K" will stay at his post until successor is found. Morale in Shin Bet is said to be extremely low, with further sackings expected when the commission's report appears. Yesterday the Clinton Ad-

ministration deepened its involvement in the Middle East peace process, promising peacekeeping troops for the Golan Heights after any accord between Israel and Syria. The promise was given by William Perry, the Defence Secretary, after talks in Jeru-salem with Mr Peres, who has made peace with Syria before

elections in October the priority of his Government. Yesterday's statement came on the eve of the arrival in the region of Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, on his fourteenth shuttle mission between Jerusalem and Damas-

cus, amid a mood of cautious optimism on both sides. President Clinton made the opening for yesterday's commitment in November 1994 when he said that he would be willing to make the case" to Congress for putting US troops on the Golan Heights, the strategic plateau occupied by Israeli forces since 1967.

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Road mayhem condemns India to annual death toll of 60,000

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S roads claimed 60,000 lives last year, making them among the world's most deadly. A vengeful, neverback-down style of driving, coupled with poor and corrupt policing, is to blame.

Congestion and carnage are increasing in line with traffic. Delhi, always top of the deaths' league table, sur-passed itself in 1995 with 2,078 fatalities in more than 9,000 accidents - 10 per cent up on 1994. There were 3,650 deaths

on Britain's roads in 1994. There has been a marked increase in competition for highway space in the past two years, with no corresponding increase in traffic police. In Delhi, they are as rare as

2,000 in a city of 25 million vehicles. The capital has more vehicles than Bombay, Calcutta and Madras combined, but proportionately

The Central Road Research Institute, reporting on the 1995 carnage, observed that Delhi had the lowest level of traffic discipline obvious to any visitor.

There is no concept of sticking to lanes, nor of basic rules of courtesy. Might wins: buses are king of the road. causing a substantial proportion of deaths. Many bus and lorry drivers are not properly qualified and if caught without a licence can usually pay a bribe and keep on driving. Since 1981, cities with

more than one million people are choked with traffic. Rarely is there any attempt to In Delhi the biggest polluters are government buses and two-stroke scooters. Pedestrians were the main

victims last year, accounting for 40 per cent of deaths nationwide. In Calcutta, where crowds spill on to packed roads, 90 per cent of deaths involved pedestrians.

Traffic deaths peak during driving is particularly widespread. In Delhi, there are rarely any police spot checks. When there are, the breathalyser is used more to extract bribes than breath.

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Republican rivals turn their fire on 'Senator Straddle'

the Iowa caucuses, the Republican presidential candidates have rounded on Robert Dole. the clear front-runner, in a last-ditch attempt to deprive him of the party's nomination.

For months Phil Gramm, Lamar Alexander, Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan have fought among themselves to become the Senate majority leader's main challenger, but since the new year they have turned their fire on him, because his hold on the race was seen to be fast becoming unbreakable.

In a key speech to the conservative Heritage Foun-dation late last week, Mr Alexander, the former Governor of Tennessee, said that the lacklustre Mr Dole would be a "sitting duck" for President Clinton in the election and would lose the Republicans not just the White House but

Congress too. Mr Dole was too old, lacked vision and had spent almost his entire career in Washington. "We must bring ourselves to say to Senator Dole, We appreciate your long service in the Senate but, with respect, the debate next October with Bill Clinton is not the right place for you to be." Mr Alexander said. "It may be Senator Dole's turn, but it is not his revolution."

Mr Gramm, the conservative Texas senator, has seized on Mr Dole's compromises in Washington's budget negotia-Straddle" slur that George

Bush used so successfully in 1988's New Hampshire primary after Mr Dole refused to sign a pledge on no new taxes. Mr Gramm is broadcasting commercials that begin: "Remember Senator Straddle? He cuts deals and voters rejected him. Well, Bob Dole hasn't

Mr Forbes, the publishing tycoon, may be a political novice but he is airing the most negative commercials of the lot. These are mostly directed at Mr Dole, portray-ing him as an incurable Washington tax-and-spender. but ironically Mr Forbes's \$10 million (£6.5 million) advertising blitz over the past three months has actually helped Mr Dole by eclipsing Mr Gramm and Mr Alexander. Mr Dole gave his more

> December 15. Mr Dole sees his rivals' attacks as a perverse form of flattery. Nelson Warfield, his spokesman, said: "There's a growing sense of desperation among those in the back of the pack and sadly they seem to have decided that the only way to advance themselves is to lash out at Bob Dole ... They'll reduce themselves to a group that most people won't want to sit in a bus with."
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> Back to business: After the federal worker layoffs and the emergence of a new Clinton plan, the White House and Congress will again sit down this week for talks on a seven-year balanced budget.(AP)

conservative rivals a fat target

last week by breaking ranks

with Newt Gingrich, the Re-

publican House Speaker, and

demanding the reopening of

the federal government after a record 21-day shutdown, but a new Gallup poll yesterday suggested that was a popular

It showed Mr Clinton's

nine-point lead over Mr Dole

last month had shrunk to just

one point, and that he was

level with Mr Clinton when respondents were asked who

had handled the budget crisis best. Mr Dole "was seen as

more humane, less rigid and

not in Newt's pocket", said

Stephen Hess, a political ana-

lyst at the Brookings Institu-

tion in Washington. The poll

also showed that Mr Clinton's

approval rating had slumped

to 42 per cent from 51 per cent when the shutdown began on

move with the public.



Dole: hold on race is

Elizabeth Vellis, 12, speeds down Capitol Hill on a sledge yesterday as snow continued to fall in the Washington area. The worst snowstorms to hit the American capital in decades have forced the closure of government offices and schools, and confined a million people to their homes

Snow forces new Washington shutdown

t was 6.45am, pitch dark and mine was the sole car inching along the Licy highway from the Virginia suburbs into Washington when a figure flagged me down from the top of a 4ft snowdrift. I touched the brakes and the car spun around through 180

The figure climbed in and began peeling off layers of scarves, hats and coats. "Sorry about that," said the cheery woman who finally emerged. "I'm a nurse. My car's buried and I've got to get to my hospital. They've had no relief for 48 hours. Plus, I can help you push if you get stuck."

And so we crawled on past the occasional abandoned vehicle into a capital paralysed by its second-worst snowstorm of the century, a city like a shrouded vision after the apocalypse. Occasional huddled figures flitted through the snow, tramps sheltered beside steaming sidewalks. Underground stations were empty but for a few stalwart traveilers.

Not a shop, office, school or restaurant was open. Only those like the nurse, who had to work, had ignored

Tom Rhodes encounters visions resembling the aftermath of apocalypse in a car journey through the American capital. The Arctic conditions have closed government offices and businesses

the official warnings and ventured out. More than a million people in and around America's capital are stranded their homes until fleets of snowploughs and salting lorries can begin to make inroads into the

In an irony lost on few in Washing-ton yesterday, the continuing blizzards had also closed the seat of American government on the day President Clinton and the Congress had agreed that 250,000 federal workers should return to their jobs after more than three weeks of the budget impasse.

With I6in of snow having fallen overnight in the capital's centre, and two feet on the runways at Dulles International Airport, officials had close all government offices under the weight of the blizzard.

"It's kind of God's revenge on the craziness of Washington, I guess," said John Sturdivant, head of the American Federation of Government

Mr Clinton, who had braved the snowdrifts to attend church the previous day, cancelled his fundraising lunch only streets away from the White House but agreed to meet the Republican leadership over plans for a balanced budget.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, called off his mission to Jerusalem and Damascus, one of thousands grounded by the closure of

all but essential workers running switchboards and cable offices. One staff member said: "There can't be more than ten people in today." Only the Supreme Court, the last bastion of the legislature and guard-ian of the Constitution, continued to sit

In a city renowned for the efficiency of its traffic police, it was somehow appropriate that Marion Barry, the Mayor, should announce that his wardens had worked for 18 hours, clearing the roads of unwanted cars and issuing hundreds of parking tickets to many who were probably unable to move their stranded vehicles.

Among those who failed to heed travel warnings the previous night, one underground driver was killed when his train skidded into another. About 200 people were stranded for six hours through the night on an unheated commuter train stalled by the storm. At least 120 people, 90 of them bedridden, were evacuated from

Computer failures plague Denver showcase airport

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

DENVER'S huge international airport, which opened late and \$2 billion (£1.2 billion) over budget, has been plagued with failures in its crucial radar and computer systems. There were breakdowns on three out of every four days

between May and October last year, the Denver Post has lers' screens have gone blank. the control tower has lost track of taxi-ing aircraft and pilots have been given wildly inaccurate weather forecasts.

Officials insisted passengers have not been endangered - merely delayed by the use of old-fashioned back-up systems. But the report will be a severe embarrassment to the airport's backers, including Federico Pena, President Clin-

ton's Transport Secretary. America's first big new airport in 20 years was intended as the last word in convenience and passenger safety. It was also meant to lift Colorado into the top rank of international business centres. Instead, from the first testing of its vaunted automatic baggage

The system was designed to do away with the armies of baggage handlers employed at most airports, replacing them with hundreds of miles of automatic conveyors. At its first public demonstration, designer bags emerged mauled and useless. The \$4.5 billion airport opened with manual

baggage handling.
The construction of the air-

thing approaching terminal

velocity and decelerate back-

wards along the same flat track. "People have been talk-

ing about 100mph roller-coast-

ers for the past century," Paul

Ruben of the magazine Park

World told the Los Angeles Times. The roller-coaster

'arms race' has been inching

skyward, but this is a quanturn leap."
Until the new ride opens,

the fastest 'coaster in the world

remains "Desperado", a two-

year-old monster in Stateline,

Nevada, whose screaming charges descend its first in-cline at a terrifying 94mph.

Loops and twists are out of

the question on the "Super-

man ride, Time Warner says,

construction materials and the

human body at such high

speeds. Passengers will be subjected to a "G-force" of 1.5

Gs as they accelerate, and at

the top of the ride will be able

to leave a pencil dangling in

front of their noses as if they

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port brought protests from Indians, claiming sacred land had been defiled, and Denverites who objected to the extra 20-mile drive to catch a plane.

The new report, compiled from documents obtained under America's Freedom of Information Act, shows that last August there was not a computer systems functioned properly. Weather radar frequently reported storms when conditions were perfect and sometimes failed to spot dan-gerous "wind shear" conditions generated by the nearby

Rocky Mountains. The Federal Aviation Administration has acknowledged that perfecting the radar and computer systems

23 die in worst American blizzards for 70 years

TWENTY-THREE deaths in eastern America were blamed yesterday on the region's worst snowstorms for 70

Thousands were left without power and most travel by plane and road was nearly impossible. Even the subways were affected as snow and ice collected on above-ground sections, with 200 people strandspread disruptions on New York City's system.

Main airports for Washington. Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, New Jersey, and New York City closed and converted their waiting areas into overnight shelters.

Drifts at New York airports were as high as 20th, according to George Marlin, the port authority's executive director. In the Caribbean, American

ed for hours on a Metro train Airlines reached most passen- see, and 24in in eastern Ken- ark, New Jersey, broke the cancelled 17 flights between snowed in cities and its sunny hub in Puerto Rico. About 2,000 passengers were stranded, but only a few who had not heard the news arrived at San

Juan airport The storm, which took snow from Georgia to New England and as far west as Ohio, left 43in in the hills of southern West Virginia, 30in in parts of Virginia and eastern Tennes-

tucky. Even northeastern Georgia got a foot. In Toler, Kentucky, Cindy Rogers, a nurse, got to work with the help of the National Guard. which picked her up at her house in a four-wheel-drive

Philadelphia's 30in of snow broke the 1983 record, and 22in fell in parts of New York City. Parts of Connecticut had 21in and Boston had 10in. The international airport at New-

1947 record with 27.4th, and Washington had a record 17.lin. On New York's Long ter rescued four duck hunters and a dog from a 14ft skiff in the Great South Bay. On Sunday, they became disoriented as the bay froze around them. and used a mobile phone to summon help. The postal service said no mail would be delivered around New York City or Washington.

Superman ride will terrify at 100mph

By Giles Whittell

CONSTRUCTION has begun in California on the world's fastest, strangest and no doubt

most terrifying roller-coaster. The ride, planned to open in May, begins with a horizontal acceleration to 100mph, leaves passengers weightless for six long seconds and is all over within half a minute. "Superman: The Escape" is

being built at the Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park north of Los Angeles. Its owner. Time Warner, hopes to generate enough publicity and custom to earn back its invest-ment by breaking the 100mph barrier, which is to rollercoaster engineers what the tical engineers in the 1950s.

They will do so with an electro-magnetic catapult. Un-like conventional roller-coasters, which begin with a butterfly-inducing crawl up an artificial hill, this one will send its six-tonne cars hurtling along a flat track, thanks to magnetic accelerators like those long dreamt of for high-

speed trains. Once their top speed has been gained, the cars will lurch into a climb and will

US court rejects call on condoms then appear to hang momentarily at the top of a 415ft Washington: The Supreme Court rejected a challenge to tower. Passengers will finally plummet earthwards at some

the distribution of condoms in public schools. The judges, without comment, turned away arguments that such a condom-availability pro-gramme in Falmouth. Massachusetts, schools wrongly interferes with parents' right to guide their children's moral upbringing. (AP)

Island quake

Sakhalin Island: A strong earthquake rocked northern Sakhalin Island in the same area where a quake destroyed an entire town last spring. No casualties were immediately reported. (AP)

Victory claim

Guatemala City: Alvaro Arzu, a tormer Foreign Minister who promised to further democracy in Guatemala, proclaimed himself the winner of the country's presidential elections. (AP)

Japan choice

Tokyo: Japan's coalition formaily nominated Ryutaro Hashimoto, Trade and Industry Minister, as Prime Minister, paving the way for him to take up the post this week. (Reuter)

Portugal floods

Lisbon: Rain lashed the Portuguese capital, cutting off power in the city centre and flooding suburbs, civil defence officials said. Several roads were blocked and one railway line was submerged. (Reuter)

Defender of OJ seeks stardom as judge on TV

THE LAWYER who won O. J. Simpson's acquittal may take the final step in his transformation from civil rights activist to out-and-out celebrity. Johnnie Cochran wants to

The flamboyant black defence attorney is working with a leading Hollywood tele-vision producer to develop a television series in which he would star as a judge, according to an entertainment maga-zine published on the Internet. Mr Cochran has already landed the most lucrative book



Cochran: won praise for Simpson trial "acting"

million (£2.6 million), of any Simpson trial participant and is said to get nearly \$50,000 an appearance on the US lecture circuit — on a par with General Colin Powell and former President George The series would star a

younger actor playing his nephew who "would really be like me when I was younger". Mr Cochran told the Internet columnist Mr Showbiz. Viacom, the parent company of Paramount Pictures, confirmed at the weekend that the project was in the pipeline, with Dean Hargrove, producer of the long-running detec-tive series Columbo, at the

This is Mr Cochran's first foray into the performing arts, but many believe he acted to the hilt to obtain Mr Simpson's acquittal. He was certainly willing to pull on a woolly hat in court to suggest his client could not have used it as a disguise, and his taste in theatrical oratory offended millions when he likened a racist detective to Hitler.

A former prosecutor in the Los Angeles District Attor-ney's office, Mr Cochran swapped sides in the early 1980s to build a hugely succesful law practice defending black victims of police abuse. His fellow partners are all black, and most are millionaires.

Now 58, he took delivery of his first Rolls-Royce 18 years ago. His latest bears the number plate JCl.

Meanwhile, his last client has yet to find a new livelihood. Rebuffed by publishers and sellers of sports memorabilia, O. J. Simpson is making a video telling his side of the story of his former wife's

An "infomercial" is planned to promote the video, but no television station has yet agreed to broadcast it.

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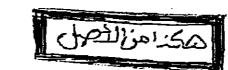


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Branson rival first to lift off in world balloon race

AN AMERICAN banker is trying to beat Richard Branson to the title of first man to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon, the last remaining major aviation record.

Steve Fossett, a 51-year-old securities trader from Chicago, lifted off yesterday morning from a dry river bed in South Dakota while Mr Branson, who announced his bid for the title last summer, will not be airbound until Sunday.

Mr Branson, who sent Mr Fossett a good-luck card, said: "The race is on. We congratulate the American team for being off before us. We will lift off early next week and plan to fly higher and therefore faster and plan to overtake them. I hope Steve Fossett has a wonderful experience and safe

Mr Branson's Virgin Global Challenger has the advantage of being fully heated and pressurised, while Mr Fossett will have to survive with a sleeping hag and an oxygen mask in his balloon. This will allow Mr Branson to fly at 30,000ft, while Mr Fossett will be at 20,000ft.

The Virgin Global Challenger was built by Per Lindstrand, one of Mr Branson's two team members, and will collect environmental research data on air pollution during the flight. Mr Branson's departure was delayed by the recent cold weather in Britain, which forced the vital jet streams south. The late start means

that he will now take off from

Marrakesh in Morocco. Mr Branson

Richard Branson does not take off on his attempt to circumnavigate the world until Sunday but, Oliver August reports, he believes he will still complete the trip more quickly than his opponent

hopes to complete his trip in 18 days, while his rival believes it will take him 21 days to cover the same distance at

the lower altitude. Mr Fossett's support team in Chicago described the trader as an enthusiast and adventurer. "He is a very competitive guy," a spokesman said.
"Competing in his job just isn't enough for him. Now he is battling with your Richard Branson. But it's not deadly serious."

Mr Fossett, who made his fortune through commodities investments, is paying for the venture himself and is flying solo in an unpressurised capsule. We're going to have a good go at it." Mr Fossett told a crowd of about



Steve Fossett gathering up his balloon after finishing his four-day record-breaking flight across the Pacific in February last year

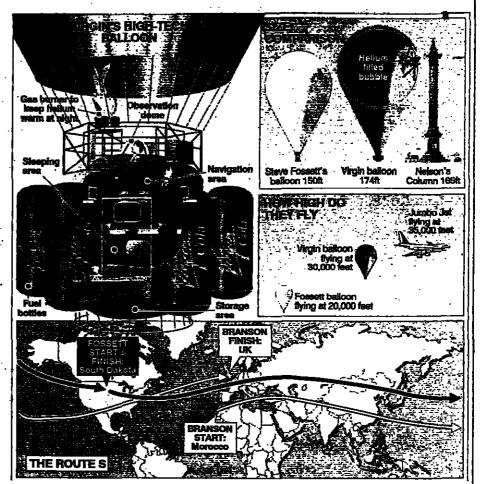
100 people just before he lifted off at sunrise from the Stratobowl, a natural depression near Rapid City in South Dakota's Black Hills.

The American's previous feats in-clude crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a balloon and swimming across the English Channel. He holds the world distance record for his balloon flight from Korea to Canada as well as the world speed sailing record across the Pacific. If the voyage goes as planned, Mr Fossett's Solo Challenger will be propelled by wind across the Manth and Europe, over Ukraine, Kazakhstan, China, Japan and finally the

His balloon will travel at an average 35 miles an hour over land and 50 miles an hour over sea, although in previous flights Mr Fossett's balloon has been recorded at speeds of up to 180 miles an hour.

The balloon has been equipped with three global positioning systems, which will calculate his position from satellites. In case of a disaster, a

satellite emergency locater beacon can be activated to guide searchers. A team of meteorologists and long-distance ballooning experts has been in South Dakota since before Christmas preparing for the voyage. Fully inflated, the craft holds 200,000 cu ft of helium and 60,000 cu ft of hot air. The balloon is 150ft tall and 50ft wide. Solar power, backed up by a propane generator, will provide electricity to support the systems on



Battle sharpens for succession to Papandreou

By PHILIP PANGALOS

TWO clear front-runners have emerged as the successor to Andreas Papandreou, the ailing Socialist Prime Minister of Greece, who remains in a critical condition seven weeks after being admitted to the Onassis Cardiac Hospital in

Athens. Mr Papandreou, 76, is on life-support systems while his 40-year-old wife Mimi is being accused by the Greek press of blocking the succession in an attempt to further her own political ambitions.

The leadership favourites are Gerassimos Arsenis, the US-educated National Defence Minister and former Economy Minister, and Costas Simitis, the Germaneducated former Industry Minister and a reformist in

the Socialist Party (Pasok). Mr Arsenis, who has a growing international reputation and has been praised recently for his behind-thescenes negotiations in the Balkans and the Middle East,



Arsenis: international reputation growing

has been gaining ground on Mr Simitis. Last summer he overshadowed Greece's Foreign Minister by persuading the Bosnian Serbs to allow the United States military to rescue unchallenged the Ameri-

can pilot downed over Bosnia. The leaders of Pasok will hold a central committee meeting on January 20 and have country's political paralysis. However, the committee has not said how long the proce-dure will take and the Greek constitution allows for the head of government to be replaced only if he dies or resigns. The delay in choosing

a successor to Mr Papandreou led the conservative opposition New Democracy party to table a motion of censure yesterday against the Government.

Miltiades Evert, the party leader, said his intention was "to take the country out of its present crisis". Although Mr Evert has no chance of succeeding against Pasok's 170strong majority in the 300-seat parliament, the motion puts pressure on the Socialists.

Mr Arsenis, 64, told The Times that, if he were Greece's leader, he would maintain a "steady as she goes" policy and vowed to continue with the austerity programme. The two big challenges for tha nation were Greece's identity in southeastern Europe and the economic development of the country.

"A special feature of Greece Union is its very intimate ties with the Balkan area and the eastern Mediterranean. We have to take a number of initiatives, now that the prospects of peace in Bosnia and the Middle East have improved, that relate to the eventual development of a zone of free exchanges and markets in the Balkans and in the Middle East, Greece can become a catalyst in initiatives that will underpin this process of open markets.

Greece could promote the idea of a peripheral council of co-operation of the Balkan countries where government, private and EU finance initiathe area, for telecommunications for new technologies and transportation could be discussed and co-ordinated . . .

"I see Greece as a member of the EU which could play for Europe the role of a catalyst in bringing closer to Europe the Balkan area and eastern Mediterrancan. After all, the historical role of Greece all along has been to be at the crossroads between East and West,

North and South."

Of Turkey, Mr Arsenis said:
"A Turkey which moves closer to European norms and standards is good for Turkey, is good for Europe and is good for Greece as well." The question of human rights in Turkey, however, continued to be a problem, and the stance of Turkey on the Cyprus issue was "very discouraging".

Bonn faces court case in 'mad cow' clash

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

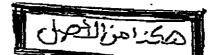
GERMANY may soon be in the dock of the European Court of Justice because of a dispute over curbs on British beef imports. The fear "mad cow" disease has prompted the Bundesrat, the upper house of the parliament, to call for a ban on British beef. ■ putting Bonn at odds with

European legislation. Horst Sechöfer, the Health Minister, helped to create a national scare over British beef in 1994, which led to a European compromise allowing some limits on imported cattle. The German federal states are, however, refusing this is not his decision to accept this compromise. Europe is to blame."

Herr Seehöfer has twice applied emergency measures to make the European ruling valid in Germany. But these measures can only be imposed for a six-month period and it is unlikely that he can take such a step again when the term runs out on February 5.

"The most likely course is that the minister will let Germany be taken to the European Court by the Commission on the ground of impeding free trade," a senior political analyst said. The minister could thus underline to the provincial states that





Machiavellian fox who could transform himself into a man of principle

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Steady steps to power. François Mitterrand as a child with his grandfather, left: as a soldier at the beginning of the Second World War, with Jean-Paul Sartre after peace was restored; as Justice Minister in 1956

The enigma who gave power to a united Left

By R.W. JOHNSON

back to power.

Undoubtedly his greatest

achievement was the way in

which, to that end, he unflag-

gingly deployed a sophistical

ed strategy over the next 16

years, gradually uniting the

scattered divisions of the Left

into an overwhelming elector-

al force. That he achieved by rebuilding the discredited

French Socialist Party (the PS) so that it finally overtook the

originally far stronger Communist Party, thus aftering the

centre of gravity of French

political life. Probably no one

M Mitterrand's strategy re-

quired not merely great forti-

rude and foresight but also

great patience and an ability

to keep his head under very

heavy fire. Time and again, as

the Communists lost ground

they furiously anacked M

Mitterrand in the hope that he

would attack them back and

voters. Over and over again M

thus antagonise Communist

else could have done that.

THROUGHOUT his long junior minister in 1945 — François Mitterrand remained an enigma. A man of enormous political talent, he also earned the reputation of being "too clever by half" and

The shadow cast by the several Mitterrand affaires down the years never really lifted. It was not the least remarkable thing about his career that he nonetheless had several reincarnations as a man of principle.

It was probably only in his last years, when the revelations of his youthful association with the far Right and Vichy came to light, together with the disclosures that he had in effect maintained an entire alternative family, including a now adult illegitimate daughter, that some real M Minerrand's life had been so long and so successfully hidden. By then, however, it was too late to matter.

M Minerrand's many periods in office under the Fourth Republic made him an almost stereotypical "man of the system", but he managed to emerge as the leader of principled opposition to the institutions of the Fifth Republic twhich he termed "le coup d'état permanent") and as de Gaulle's most notable opponent from the early 1960s on.

tary majority. The history of that government was altogeth-David to his Goliath, or. as he would doubtless have seen it. the Mordred to his King In the 1965 presidential election. M Mitterrand rallied nearly 45 per cent of the electorate to his side and forced de Gaulle into an unexpected second ballot. From that moment M Mitterrand was always the man most likely to lead the Left on the long retreat from Moscow. Things were never

M Mitterrand had nothing if not a princely conception of

the same again.

er less happy. M Minerrand's grasp of economics was poor and his initial over-expansion of demand led to an economic Waterloo by 1983: the rest of his presidency was spent in a disorderly retreat. During that retreat, almost every vestige of his principled new version of socialism was jettisoned, rather as Napoleon's army threw away its weapons

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his own role and seemed quite unbothered by this ideological shift or the damage it did to the PS. Again, in 1988, he showed himself a master of political tactics and recovered from an apparently hopeless position to trounce Jacques Chirac in the presidential election, thus becoming both the first President to cohabit successfully with an Opposition majority and also the only man ever to have won two presidential elections France under the Fifth Repub-

lic. Again, however, the fruits of victory were wasted. In-deed, the fatal damage was done immediately, in the succeeding parliamentary election, when M Mitterrand deployed all manner of Machiavellian tactics in an effort to push in a number of personal friends and centrist clients and thus rebalance his

Those tactics failed dismally as they were always bound to do: all M Mitterrand did was

PS and thus rob it of the overall majority which it could undoubtedly have won had he put his full weight behind it. The result was to produce a minority PS government which never really managed to stamp its authority on the country in the five years that

Again. M Mitterrand jinxed his way through with all manner of sidesteps and

His favourite tactic was to lie in wait for opponents and then make an apparent sortie into their path. The opponent

that the whole move had been a feint and that they were now exposed to raking fire from a wholly unexpected direction. After his re-election in 1988 M Mitterrand maintained power with no real Left majorty because of his adroitness in

victim - would sally forth

onto the attack, only to find

dividing the Right, even covertly assisting Jean-Marie Le Fen's National Front to that

This Levantine cleverness was often matched by personal pettiness. Though having selected the most able Prime Minister in sight in Michel Rocard, M Mitterrand allowed his purely personal antipathy to M Rocard to wreck the best chance that his

> become the most disastrous and short-lived Prime Minister in recent French history. The Bérégovoy administra-tion which followed was undistinguished, to say the least, and its culmination in scandal and the suicide of Beregovoy himself brought the long period of left-wing government to

government had. M Rocard

was dismissed as Prime Min-

ister for no perceptible reason

and M Mitterrand's old girl-

friend. Edith Cresson, was

promoted way beyond her

peers or indeed her talents to

None of that seemed to trouble M Mitterrand, who had, long before the end. developed a strongly monarchical conception of his own role. As he put it, the institutions of the Fifth Republic might not have been made for him, but they suited him well

a disastrous and demoralised

enough all the same. His second presidential

subtracted from rather than added to the Mitterrand legend. He did nothing at all to help his party in the 1995 elections and Lionel Jospin. the PS candidate, clearly felt he had been badly let down by Jospin's ability to pull together the divided ranks of the Left and to give M Chirac a much closer run than had been anticipated, was in itself a

tribute to M Mitterrand. Even after all the disappointments and betrayals, the old earthworks of the united Left were intact. M Mitterrand had changed the Left into a force that could bid for power; that achievement remains.

Nicknamed "the Sphinx" for his inscrutability. "the Florentine" for his Machiavellian ways, and "God" in a M Mitterrand had the ability to inspire emotions ranging from reverence to deep irritation. George Bush, the former American President, said some world leaders would "roll their eyes" when he launched into a philosophical

lecture about history. Perhaps symbolically, his last journey was a Christmas visit to Egypt, the cradle of modern civilisation. After his first prostate operation in 1992. M Mitterrand described his fight against cancer as "an honourable battle against oneself". People danced in the streets in May 1981 when M Mitterrand was elected the first Socialist President of France. Yesterday many were crying at the news of their hero's death.

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Mitterrand turned the other cheek, for his strategy depend-De Gaulle himself had a high regard for Mendesed on gradually coaxing just France and for many Socialthose voters over to his side. In the end M Mitterrand ists such as Guy Mollet and did just that, allowing him to André Philippe, but he noursweep the Left to power in 1951 and, within it, to provide the ished a tireless enmity for M M Mitterrand at the height of his persuasive powers before the presidential election of 1988 when he showed himself a master of tactics and recovered from an apparently hopeless position to trounce Jacques Chirac Minerrand from the very be-PS with an overall parliamenginning, as if recognising the

Visionary pharaoh who built his pyramid

IN PARIS

NOWHERE is the grand historical sweep of François Mitterrand's reign more visible than in the skyline of Paris which he tirelessly, some say arrogantly, reshaped as a permanent testament to his

- years in office. M Mitterrand spent a stag-gering Fr30 billion (£4 billion) on his Grands Travaux. In his determination to leave a bricks and mortar epitaph, he was following a great French tradition that stretches from Louis XIV through the Napoleons to de Gaulle, Many projects were inherited, but M Mitterrand pushed them through with single-minded determination — and disdain for cost - that said much about his vision of himself

ARCHITECTURE and his understanding of

architecture's political power The glass pyramid at the Louvre was an architectural gambit of enormous churzpah. But it has worked, and the pyramid with its vast network of public space be-neath, is one of the city's most popular buildings.

Parisians have come to appreciate, if not to love, the Grande Arche, a 30-storey rectangle of concrete designed by Ono von Spreckelsen. More than half the cost was financed by the late Robert Maxwell, who also under-

stood a grand gesture. The costly Opera Bastille has fewer admirers. Construction was accelerated to allow M Mitterrand to preside over

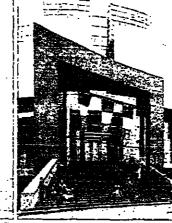
its opening before he left office: even he admitted the the project M Mitterrand's acoustics are less than ideal. He regarded the unlinresponse was unequivocal: You will never have an ished Bibliotheque Nationale architectural policy if you make cuts all the time." de France, Europe's largest library, as his greatest archi-He completed the popular tectural achievement. It was Musee d'Orsay's renovation. certainly the most expensive. commissioned Jean Nouvel to

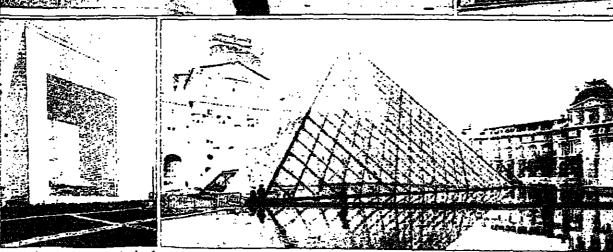
billion and in 1993 the Culture Minister toyed with aborting gave an emphasis to maintaining the city's architectural heritage. The works prompted huge

rows, but while some grumpled about design and others about cost few challenged his right to fashion the capital as he saw fit "Visitors will come

ture, the Paris of sculpture, the Paris of museums, the Paris of gardens ... a city open to imagination, ideas and youth." he wrote.

But they would also, he ensured, see the Paris of François Mitterrand, the pharach who built the pyramid.





Skyline legacies, clockwise from top left the National Library, dominated by four towers representing open books; the Opera Bastille, the Louvre's glass pyramid, designed by I. M. Pei, M. Mitterrand's choice, and the Grande Arche

Vichy activities left dark stain he could not deny

BY BEN MACINTYRE

career was in the ascendant,

NOT until the last years of François Mitterrand's life did the spectre of Vichy and his hitherto obscured role in the French collaborationist government cast a long, dark shadow over his career.

In September 1994 Pierre Pean, a journalist, revealed the extent to which M Mitterrand had been involved in right-wing groups in the 1930s and the enthusiastic part he had played in the Vichy government of Marshal Petain before joining the Resistance

in his teens. M Péan wrote. M Mitterrand had been an enthusiastic rightwinger and supporter of the right-wing Croix de Feu movement, with several friends among the Cagoule, a prewar underground fascist movement.

After his third anempt to escape from a German PoW camp succeeded, he gained a job under the Vichy govern-ment. M. Mitterrand later claimed that his work involved tracing French prisoners of war, but as an intelligence official he also filled out forms on Communists and other state enemies .

He was not directly involved with the deportation of Jews but many of his friends were. and the precise extent of his knowledge of the Vichy role in Nazi atrocities has never been fully established. He received the Francisque. Vichy's highest honour, from the hands of Marshal Petain, While his

M Mitterrand angrily denied his Vichy past. Later he main-tained that he could hardly have turned down the Francisque and that his rela-tions with the Vichy regime were a necessary evil, springing from misguided nationalism rather than collaboration. He also implied, less than convincingly, that his work as a Vichy official was a cover for

Resistance activities. Those

were "turbulent times". he

said. "I came out relatively

Perhaps more disturbing than his youthful enthusiasm for Petain was his enduring

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relationship with René Bousquet, the former Vichy chief of police responsible for sending thousands of French Jews to Nazi camps.

Bousquet was formally charged with crimes against humanity in 1978, but M Minerrand did not break off their relationship until 1986. Bousquet died from an assassin's bullet before he was brought to trial.

In a television interview in 1994. M Mitterrand admitted intervening to prevent the prosecution of Vichy officials to avoid "reopening the old wounds". As for Bousquet, who as a newspaper executive had helped M Mitterrand's early political career, "it was a pleasure to see him7, the

former President told M Péan.But he later added that he would be deeply hurt if he thought the French people believed he had known the full

extent of Bousquet's record. Serge Klarsfeld, the president of The Sons and Daugh-ters of Deported French Jews, described M Mitterrand's continued relationship with Bousquet as "morally condemnable". Even Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, a close friend of M Mitterrand, argued that the President should have known better than to socialise for 40 years with such a

minted individual. M Mitterrand's decision to co-operate with M Pean was seen by some as an honest attempt to set the record straight as his death approached. To others, it was evidence of a guilty consc-

It may be characteristic of the man that, although he served in the Vichy government, when he changed sides in 1943 and joined the Resistance he did so wholeheartedly and served with

remarkable bravery. The row that erupted over his Vichy past may have surprised M Minerrand. He did not believe in moral absolutes and insisted life was never a question of black and white but, in his own words. light grey and dark grey".

Mitterrand's Vichy years were still among the darkest shades

Family was at side of French leader for his 'serene' last moments







Presidential route: a campaign poster, left, for François Mitterrand in November 1965 offers his fellow countrymen "a young President for a modern France"; in May 1974, his wife Danielle beside him, he makes another attempt for France's highest office. Finally, ambition fulfilled, the President walks through Château Chinon after casting his vote in the first round of the parliamentary elections in March 1993

Kohl mourns 'a good friend'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, yesterday sent an unusually heartfelt message of con-dolence to Danielle Mitterrand, declaring: "I mourn a good friend.'

The German leader was speaking no less than the truth for, despite M Mitterrand's initial reservations about German unity, the late President was emotionally attached to Herr Kohl, to Germany and to a joint vision of Europe. Herr Kohl has, in fact, been wourning M Mitterrand for more than six months: Franco-German relations under

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President Chirac have skidded downhill. The Chancellor was quick to point out yesterday that something of M Mitterrand remains: "His political vision of a united Europe will give us strength and spor us on in the future."

The Franco-German consensus built by the two is crumbling, however. It is difficult to talk nowadays of a "special relationship" between Paris and Bonn since the sum of differences and individual frictions have made a nonsense of claims to be a joint European "engine"

M Mitterrand's farewell to Germany was delivered in Berlin at last year's celebrations marking the liftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Unlike John Major's more stilted speech about a new age of reason, the former French President's rather rambling reminiscences moved Herr Kohl to tears.

The French leader spoke movingly of befriending German sol-diers, and the slightly out-of-place speech delivered by an obviously sick and fragile man drew fierce criticism in France. In Germany, however, it was taken at face value: M Mitterrand was registering the fact that the Germans and the French were

How a 'good death' was ensured

FRANCOIS MITTERRAND was not just preoccupied with dying; he wanted to die well.

cancer was incurable, he took steps to prepare himself. He started to see his death not as a moment to fear, but as the final resounding line in a singular

Thus, it is not surprising that his close friends said M Mitterrand was "very serene" in the final moments of his life yesterday morning. He died in his Paris apartment, attended by his personal doctor, his wife Danielle and two sons nearby.

M Mitterrand had been more aware than most of his own mortality, once saying: "Death can transform a hu-man being into what he was called to

But in the past two years, he began to read and think a great deal about the subject. He consulted Marie de Hennezel, a psychologist. They met during an official tour of her hospice. Through letters, dinner conversations and retreats to her country home, their

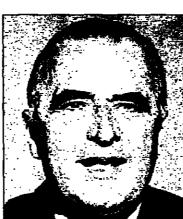
plexities of their debate about life and

M Mitterrand wrote the foreword last year to Mme de Hennezel's bestseller, La Mort Intime. "How to die?" asked the former President. "We live in a world which is frightened by such a question; a world which avoids even asking it."

Over dinner, he once told Mme de Hennezel: "We are each on a plane journey which will end one day by crashing into a mountain. Most people "Myself. I think about it every day,

but perhaps that is because I have begun to catch a glimpse of the mountain through the plane window." By talking publicly about his illness, M Mitterrand hoped to take death out of the closet, and pledged to help to end the modern "deficient relationship with death in this hurried existence.

Unlike one of his predecessors at the Elysée Palace, Georges Pompidou, who allowed rumours about his illness to bloat and was said to have flu the day he died of cancer, M Mitterrand



Pompidou: was said to have flu on the day he died of cancer

about his health. Mme de Hennezel said that, although M Mitterrand was basically an agnostic, her conversations with him often took a mystical turn, and he did not believe that precluded having religious feelings or a curiosity about an afterlife.

The psychologist also said that he

the presidency: "As people face death, they need to be true to themselves, to drop masks, to stick to the essentials."

M Mitterrand had dropped a number of masks in his last few years, cooperating with a biographer who revealed his role in the Vichy regime, and being photographed publicly with his 20-year-old illegitimate daughter, Mazarine.

Last year the Mitterrands purchased a grave site on Mont Beuvray near Château-Chinon in central France, where M Mitterrand was once mayor. The site is also where France's hero Vercingetorix rallied the Gauls against the Romans. It met some criticism as a grandiose choice.

Mme Mitterrand wanted them to be buried together at Mont Beuvray, but clearly her husband's wishes have revailed. He has insisted on being buried in his family tomb at Jarnac, near Cognac in western France, in a quiet family funeral with no political oration - similar to the request made by General de Gaulle:

As for an epitaph, M Mitterrand once suggested his should be the same as Willy Brandt, the former German

The loyal wife who coped with affair

DANIELLE MITTERRAND has been fighting her own battle against serious illness. "I ought to have died a year ago," she told Paris Match nagazine recently, citing her heart problems, temporarily solved by a mechanical valve and a pacemaker.

In the past few months, Mme Mitterrand, 71, has been constantly by the side of her husband of 51 years, standing by while he caught his breath on short walks, and taking him on a family trip for

Christmas to Egypt.

After years of political pummelling, she made a request that the outside world should give them "a little peace and serenity" during their last months together. Danielle Gouze married M Mitterrand in 1944 when she was 20, and he had left the Vichy regime to

work for the Resistance. They

tophe and Gilbert. From early on they were a political couple, espousing the same socialist views. Three years after they married, M Mitterrand became the Fourth Republic's youngest minister.

In some ways, M Mitter rand has two widows. The other is his longtime mistress. Anne Pingeot, mother of his rine. The relationship was revealed in 1994 in the French press, along with pictures of M Mitterrand and his student daughter leaving a restaurant

and walking together. It was also revealed that Mazarine and her mother — a curator at Musée d'Orsav had been provided with ac-commodation and security protection. Mme Mitterrand. when asked about the affair, said simply: "We coped."

Chirac's predecessor left legacy of domestic woes

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

quick to pay tribute to his predecessor yesterday. But the death of François Mitterrand could hardly have come at a worse time for the Gaullist President as he struggles to reassert his authority amid a host of problems, many bequeathed by the Mitterrand

M Mitterrand's drive for European monetary union, his backing for the Maastricht treaty and support for expensive social welfare programmes lie at the root of last month's crippling strikes. With militant unions threatening more stoppages in the coming weeks. M Chirac's praise for the "great figure" that preceded him will be tempered by the knowledge that many of his difficulties can be laid at the late President's door.

Despite M Mitterrand's 1983 conversion to fiscal orthodoxy and a promise in 1981 to reduce unemployment, the iobless rate almost doubled. while the national debt trebled and France became more wedded to the lavish and indebted

social security system. But it is the Maastricht timetable for monetary union. requiring drastic debt reduction, that may be M Mitterrand's most problematic legacy to his successor. M Mitterrand set France rattling along the road to monetary union without tackling the burgeoning problem of state overspending. M Chirac has now declared deficit reduction

JACOUES CHIRAC was to be his "priority of priorities", but even among the ranks of the ruling party there are growing fears that France, her economy slowing, may not be able to meet the Maastricht deadline.

> The Government's efforts to overhaul the indebted welfare

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system and rail network prompted the worst strikes in France for a decade. These ended just before Christmas,

French economy.

This week, M Chirac announced that he would visit the French provinces in a bid to recapture some of the enthusiam that brought him to power. But with M Mitterrand's death, these plans are



Chirac struggling to

likely to be shelved as newspapers and television screens are given over to remembering Tonton, or Uncle, as the former President was known.

In Gaullist circles, however. the reminiscences are likely to be muted by the belief that M Mitterrand left behind a timebomb in the shape of a bloated

Any hope M Chirac might have had of using the end of the strikes and the start of a new year to revitalise his presidency has been scup-pered by the timing of M Mitterrand's death.

After M Chirac's election, in relations between the two were cool. But apart from attacking the President's decision to resume nuclear testing.

M Mitterrand avoided overt criticism of his successor.

When Jacques Attali, one of M Mitterrand's top aides, quoted his former boss as saying of M Chirac "he may get elected after me, but he would soon be the laughing stock of the world", the former President diplomatically denied saying any such thing.

promising to end old-style politics, mend France's "social fractures", reduce taxes and cut employment. Instead, faced with the contradictions and impossibilities of implementing the full range of pledges in post-Mitterrand France, M Chirac has opted for deficit reduction. Taxes and unemployment are up and M Chirac's popularity

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IN PARIS buried in his village of Colombey-les-'intimate", with only family and close deux-Eglises in east France in the friends present. As with de Gaulle's burial 25 years ago, there will be no political speeches. M Mitterrand will be presence of friends and family. The IN LIFE, François Mitterrand rarely politicians he held in such contempt were

failed to compare himself with the founder of the Fifth Republic, Charles de Gaulle. In death, the comparison remains striking.

Long before he died on November 9, 1970, de Gaulle told the man who was to become his successor. Georges Pompi-dou, that he wanted the simplest of funerals. The men and the women of France and other countries can, if they so wish, pay hommage to my memory by accompanying my body to its last resting place," de Gaulle wrote. "But it is in silence that I wish it to be carried out."

His wish was fulfilled. De Gaulle was

Village funeral follows example of de Gaulle

A state ceremony was held at Notre Dame cathedral in the French capital. where Mass was said before an "impressive gathering of heads of state and royalty", according to the historian, Arnaud Teyssier.

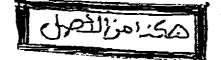
M Mitterrand's funeral on Thursday looks certain to follow a similar pattern. He will be buried in the village in which he was born 79 years ago, Jarnac, near Angoulème, in the rural southwest. According to associates of the former

buried in the tomb that holds his parents and maternal grandparents.

The funeral will be in the church, St-Pierre-de-Jamac, where M Mitterrand was baptised. The short journey to the village ceremony will take the coffin past the house in which be was born.

At the same time in Paris, those wanting to pay their last respects to the country's first Socialist President will be invited to a public meeting. A ceremony will be held at Notre Dame at which world leaders will be present.

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Day 2 of our series on ageing: Problems men face in middle age...

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What's the truth about men growing older? Below, Dr Thomas Stuttaford explodes the myth of the "three-times-a-night" men and explains how to restore sexual vigour, and Alan Coren comes clean about the more unnerving aspects of ageing

Opposite, we look at the importance of nutrition, and offer a guide to foods that can keep you in the peak of condition



TOMORROW

- Use it or lose it how the brain ages, and making the most of your memory, by psychologist Ian Robertson
- Why a low fat diet is not the best way to beat cholesterol, by Nigel Hawkes
- Dr Thomas Stuttaford explains why older women may enjoy an enhanced sex drive

Men can recapture the passion of youth

land lying beneath the brain, glands wear out, and the days of plenty in youth are replaced by the lean years of middle and old age. Sex provides piquancy to life — it is part of the social dynamic -- and men yearn to retain their prowess

One of the more accurate research surveys on sex was done in the mid-1970s, when a large number of people replied to questions posed on a computer screen rather than asked by a doctor. The survey rather depressing figures. Of marriages which had lasted for more than 20 rears, one in four had virtually no active sex life. In the same age group, even when there was a continuing active sex life, one attempt in four at ing news was that the frequency of sexual activity bore no apparent relationship to the happiness of the marriage.

Research published in the American Journal of Psychiatry 20 years ago on sexual oon-bar chat.

Between the ages of 46 and 56, 62 per cent of men were still capable of sex once a week, and even by the time

MEN AND SEX intercourse. But only 2 per cent over the age of 66 could manage sex twice a week, and none of those over 56 could

manage it more than three

times a week. For men with a proven low injection of the hormone is now available which will provide about a fortnight's sexual vigour. A better answer would be to wear a patch, like the HRT patch worn by women, regular low dose of testosterone to maintain normal levels. For the past year or so in America a transdermal delivery system has been available, but the special secretions of the scrotal skin were needed if the hormone was to be absorbed. In addition the unfortunate man had to wear a huge plaster, like a jockstrap: this off-putting. The scientists have now improved the formula and next year men will be able to wear two reason-

Loss of libido is only one cause of failing potency. More often the spirit is willing, but the mechanism has failed naturally. Often the blood supply to the penis has been obstructed by narrowing of the vessels. In other cases the penis still has a blood supply strong enough to inflate the

three cylinders which, when engorged with blood, cause an erection, but unfortunately the valves to the cylinders leak and the erection is not maintained. Operations designed to correct this weakness have

So long as the valves in the cavernosa are intact, and there is an adequate supply of blood, patients can now have an artificially induced erection with a virtually painless injection of Caverject. The technique, once learnt, is very simple and many of my patients have told me it produces a response the like of which they haven't experi-enced since their teenage years. Research is now well advanced into producing a pill which will produce the same effect as Caverject withand other doctors are working squeezed into the urethra.

Men may not be able to recapture the sexual desire of their youth, but in many cases it should soon be possible to restore sexual function. In the meanwhile, any man who finds himself impotent should first suspect the pills he may be taking for blood pressure depression, heart failure, insomnia or anxiety secondly, consider his alcohol intake. Too much alcohol initially affects only immediate performance, but heavy persistent drinking can pro-

A young man will be as willing for sex as his partner is, but male desire and ability diminish with age: medical science is working on a solution low I became 'differently your

t seems like only last year in Marienbad, but it is in fact 30 years. It is 1965, and I am driving to Marienbad from Carlsbad. in a bright red Austin-Healey 3000, and the hood is down because the sun is hot. But the sun is about to go in, and when it does, two things will happen, which, though they are similar to one another, are also so different from one

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another that they will constitute a watershed in my life. The two things are that the rain will begin to fall, and that the rain will begin to land. When the first happened, I didn't put the hood up. because I was only a mile or two from Marienbad and

didn't want to stop, and I was

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young and didn't mind a few drops of rain. Until the second thing happened. When the second thing happened. I realised I was no longer young. Because, hitherto, the rain had always fallen on my hair, but, that day, it did not fall on my hair, it fell on my scalp. Clearly, my hair had done

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some falling of its own, but I had never been aware of it before. I had never felt the patter on my skin, I was 27. and it was borne in upon me. for the first time, that I was ageing. For the rest of my life, raindrops would be failing on Now let us deconstruct that

anecdore, so that we may elicit a little more about the ageing process. The two film references were to Last Year in Marienhad and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. You will all have seen the latter, but apart from film needs, only those of my age

will have seen the former. It was very big, then But were I to allude to it in conversation with the unaged, they would not know what I was talking

hat is one of the most urnerving aspects of ageing those younger than you (who are, of course, increasing moment by moment, while those older than you are decreasing at about the same rate) understand less and less of what you are saying - especially if your conversation is, like mine. freely planted with other men's flowers, for the very good reason that, as Wode house observed. If it were not for quotations, emversation between gentlemen would consist of an entiless succes-

sion of 'What-hol's."

For those flowers age, too: withered by time, they grow-less and less recognisable to more and more people, and this is true not merely of literary gobbets, but of all references to ideas, people, buildings, plays, cars, food, music, what you will among all the unsettling aspects of age, lew are more unsettling than, in the course of what you feel to be an interesting natter. with some young person, noticing their eyes suddenly glaze over at your mention of Herbert Morrison, or UDI, or searlet levet, or The Grove Family, or slide-rules, or Dickie Valentine, or HMS Amethist, or Monk & Glass custand, or Austin-Healeys. I do not drive a two-seater

new. I wish I could boast that I

have outgrown them, but that

would not be the truth. The

truin is that I have outaged

them. Ageing is about being irritable partly because the corking new MGF has come

Alan Coren when he had more hair on his head and chin

on the market and is clearly not for you, but mainly because the motoring press cackles its head off upon discovering that the median age of those who have put their names down for them is 57. They find this funny.

I see I used "nerd" a bit back. Is it still current? Or am I whatever a nerd now is for using it? For the horrible obverse to using old words the voung do not understand is using what you think are new words so that the young will understand, only to discover, as their eyes glaze over again, that it has become an old new word, and makes you appear even older than if you had used a really old word in the

Especially if you have used it in the course of expressing an opinion. It is extremely unwise, if you wish neither to feel nor to appear old, to express any opinion at all to

anyone younger than you are. You may believe that your judgments are the fruits of experience and wisdom, but the young will believe that they are the fruits of being nearly dead.

'nfortunately, it is probably best not even to hold any opinions, since the real problem for the more mature is that even if you tell yourself that you don't give a tuppenny damn what the young think, there will be times of suddenly nagging doubt when you will find yourself wondering whether they might not be right to

How sure can you be that the literary novel is dead, that Rocky Marciano would have flattened Mike Tyson in round two, that no decent building has been put up since 1966 or no good popular music record-

mistake to decriminalise consenting crackpots who wish to batter one another senseless with live eels in the privacy of their own love-nests? Might there not be just an outside chance that these actually are the purblind views of a reactionary old prat?

Are all these signifiers more significant than hair falling out? They are to me. I can



Today Alan Coren keeps his head dry under a hat

handle the physical stuff. The fashion for political correctness for whatever it is called, now that it may be called that only ironically) has helped me here. It has enfranchised me to think of myself not as old but as differently young. Considering myself, there-fore, not to be physically

deteriorating but merely to be continuing to mature, I refuse to make any concessions to corporeal change. I do not, like Bobby Charlton or Robert Robinson, part my remaining hair just above the hip, sweep it across my scalp and fix it there with Bostik, I cry Baldness be my friend!" and shave the dome. Nor would I dream of rugging it or having it surgically reafforested with pubic rufts, for little, surely, can be more ageing than struggling to appear unaged. and seeing pity (or worse) well up in eyes that are trying not to

peer at your new take head. As for all the anatomical clobber depending from the dome, it is kept in reasonable nick by exercise designed to maximise self-esteem: I can still bench-press the weights I could lift at 20, but would never dream of timing myself over 200 yards, and not simply because this would now be an offence under EU regulations. rendering me liable to a fine of

I put that in to show that I

do not understand decimal taking the mickey out of them is bullish. Sorry, taking the piss out of them; nearly gave the game away there.

As for physical activities involving others, the maturing athlete must exercise extreme care not to exercise with extreme care. There is, for example, a crucial moment in his tennis career when a player has to choose between continuing to play as he has always played, ie, with all the energy he can muster, and oping instead for precision, cunning. and gamesmanship. The latter is a big mistake not only is hurling yourself about the court and going for every shot healthier both for body and for amour-propre, it is the best excuse there is for losing to those younger than you.

You can say you are having an off-day, probably because of a heavy night, nudge-winkchortle. At the very worst, your opponent will conclude that you must have been a terrific player, once; he will not know that you have never hit a successful running cross-court backhand in your entire life. If, however, you just amble up and down the baseline waiting to embarrass him with a cissy lob, he will conclude only that you are a clapped-out fart who was probably never any good

ex? I sense you want me to talk about sex. I do not intend to do this on my own behalf, but if the differently young among you are looking for a tip, exactly the same

tactics apply as to tennis. Let us therefore put our clothes back on. How do we look? Not too bad, with any luck, provided we have had the good sense not to reach for a Michelob baseball cap, or a Junior Gaultier waistcoat, or a Perfecto zippered leather blouson, or Fila trainers, or anything else you have to ring up your kids about to find out what the in-your-face young are wearing, or were ten minutes ago when in-your-face was still an au courant fashion statement, but have slipped instead into a wellmade three-piece whistle. Ageless, that. Even young tongues hang out, these days, for a Savile Row suit.

Or so they tell me. They may, of course, just be trying to humour an old man. It's am not afraid of making jokes hard to tell, if you're not one.



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Consumer spending surge 'could trigger 8% base rates'

By Ross Tieman

A SURGE in consumer spending during the second half of this year could trigger base rates as high as 8 per cent in 1997, the latest year in which the Government must hold an election, according to the Ernst & Young ITEM Club.

In a new forecast using the Treasury's economic model, the ITEM Club says that tax cuts and cash windfalls from building society sales, maturing Tessa savings accounts, and the National Grid rebate for electricity customers could cause consumer spending to grow at an annualised rate of 3.5 per cent during the second half. That

would delight retailers and rescue the economy from its present slowdown. But a nsumer spending boom could quickly rekindle inflation, the forecasters say. Wage growth would accelerate to unsus-tainable levels. This would demand much higher interest rates, possibly as high as 8 per cent, in order to arrest the inflation

threat this would pose."

Overall, the ITEM forecasters predict economic growth of 25 per cent this year, down from an expected 28 per cent in 1995 and 3.9 per cent in 1994. Consumer spending growth, however, is expected to rise from a mere 1.8 per cent in 1995 to 2.5 per cent in 1996.

The predictions, from one of Britain's

most respected forecasting groups, are tempered by a warning that declining demand in Britain's main export markets. combined with weakness in the domestic economy, could lead to a second doomsday scenario for the Government.

Manufacturers have already embarked on an extensive round of destocking, the forecasters note. "By cutting employment and investment, UK companies could lead to growth as weak as 1.5 per cent this year. Under this alternative scenario, unemployment would begin rising towards 2.5 million by mid 1997.

ITEM's central forecast, however, is broadly optimistic on the prospects for inflation. Made cautious by continued

feelings of insecurity, consumers are ex-pected to increase their savings during the first half. "Such a favourable outlook for inflation will pave the way for further interest rate cuts during the first half of 1996, which could take base rates to 5.75 per cent by the end of spring."

But because of the looming election, ministerial forecasts of a 1 per cent fall in govern-ment spending are unlikely to be fulfilled, the ITEM economists believe, "Much depends upon the likelihood of the Government adhering to its 1995 Budget expenditure plans," the forecasters say, "Under ITEM assumptions, public spending is expected to overshoot the 1995 Budget plans by 1.5 per cent in real terms, by rising 0.5 per cent." That

would leave government finances in trou-ble by the time of the November Budget. Ministers might have to choose between further spending cuts or tax increases. "Should the next Budget fall before the general election, this would provide an enormous political obstacle for the present Government," the economists say.

Paul Droop, chief economist of the ITEM Club, said firms should note the impending shift growth mix. Exporters would experience more modest demand from European markets, while those oriented to the domestic economy would gain from strengthening consumer spending.

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Freeman

joins

M&S

board

By SARAH BAGNALL MARKS & SPENCER, Britain's leading retailer, has appointed its first woman to the

board as an executive director. Clara Freeman, 43, joins the

17-strong executive board and is responsible for personnel.

Mrs Freeman, who has

been head of personnel for the past year, will be M&S's youngest executive director.

She joined the company as a

graduate trainee after reading

history at Somerville, Oxford.

During her 21 years with the

retailer, Mrs Freeman has

worked in a variety of areas. including buying. M&S has more than 00,000 employees

and about 75 per cent of its

women make up nearly half

the UK workforce, but only 3

per cent were directors.

such as personnel and market-

ing, rather than research and

development and production.

Mrs Freeman said she was

honoured by the elevation.

age other women. "I hope that I

got the job because I'm the best

person for it, not because I'm a

Her husband is a co-

founder of Argent Group, a

property company that floated

in 1994, and they have two

woman." she said.

young children.

Women tend to appear in areas

Recent statistics showed that

customers are women.

Court blow for life firms

Investors win right to sue for mis-selling

£100,000, argued that many

the GMB, welcomed vester

He said that the potential

compensation bill for just 50

writs issued on behalf of GMB

members could top £1 million

and hundreds more cases are

in the pipeline. He added:

The Government, which was

so active in promoting personal pensions in the late 1980s,

should now spend as much

money as they did then on

telling hundreds of thousands

of possibly confused investors

about their rights to take legal.

action if they want to.
The Government should

also insist that the regulators

force pension companies to offer investors the right to free

independent advice to ensure

that any compensation settle-

ment they are offered is fair."

Richard Bernhard, director

of legal services at the Royal

College of Nursing, said: "The judgment seems to have con-

firmed our view that indepen-

dent advice should be offered

to our members where it is

found that they have been let down by bad advice and that

the costs of putting that situa-

PENSION companies face an additional compensation bill for mis-selling personal pensions running into tens of millions of pounds after a judge yesterday gave nurses and public sector workers the green light to sue through the courts.

The ruling is expected to push the personal pension industry's estimated costs and compensation bill to well over

Judge Raymond Jack, QC, sitting at the Bristol Mercantile Court, dismissed applications for a stay of proceedings brought by five of the UK's largest life offices and ordered the Prudential, Hill Samuel TSB, GAN Life and Irish Life to pay the costs of the case.

The five pension companies. which were also refused leave

Price cutting lifts shop sales

By Patricia Tehan

FURTHER evidence of a pick up in confidence on the high street comes today with figures showing higher sales — but sales achieved at the cost of widespread price

cutting.
The British Retail Consortium's retail sales monitor for December shows an annual increase in likefor-like value of retail sales of 4.3 per cent. This compares with a 3.2 per cent annual increase in November and a 24 per cent rise in October.

The figures also show an increase in the underlying growth trend, with average sales growth of 3.3 per cent in the past three months, compared with 3 per cent in the period from September to November.

The food and drink sector performed well and sales of personal computers were also

strong last month. Retailers reported successful post-Christmas sales after a mixed start because of weather problems. The furniture and carpets sector suffered most from the lack of movement in housing and the do-it-yourself

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sector was flat.
Andrew Higginson, chairman of the consortium's economic affairs committee, said: "We now need to see this improvement maintained into the new year and for any recovery to be seen more widely across the retail sectors." Credit growth cases, page 24 to appeal, wanted cases of tion right, including the advice, should be paid for by the alleged personal pensions mis-selling to be handled by the special review system set pension provider. We want our members

restored to the NHS Pension up by the Securities and Investments Board, the chief Scheme, which is a very, very good one. It offers members City watchdog, and not by the inflation-proofed pensions Ringrose Wharton, the law with employer contributions, firm acting for members of the life cover and is linked to final salaries and based on the Royal College of Nursing and the GMB general union, which has issued 50 writs number of years worked." claiming compensation rang-ing from £5,000 to over

The Prudential, Britain's largest insurer, and the TSB, now part of the Lloyds Bank group, said that they were "disappointed" at the court ruling and would consider the investors did not want to be bound by the SIB review's judgment in some detail he-Bill Day, pensions officer at fore deciding whether to seek leave to take the judge's ri day's landmark court ruling. to the Court of Appeal.

The Prudential said: "Our concern remains that, if a large number of investors decide to issue proceedings against pension providers, then those pension providers' directed towards carrying out the SIB review, will have to be diverted to deal with the litigation. Accordingly we shall keep this aspect under review in case the scale of litigation exceeds that contem-

plated by the judge."

Philip Ryley of Ringrose
Wharton said: "In our view life companies are inviting court actions if they continue to refuse to settle reasonable costs of an independent investigation in each case. It is the investor who may have been badly advised by a life company and it is the investor who should be totally satisfied that his or her pension arrangements have been fully redressed."

City watchdogs said that the court ruling should not affect the SIB's personal pension mis-selling review.



Clara Freeman hopes her promotion will be an encouragement to other women

Granada 'must raise bid 15%'

By Eric Reguly

GRANADA will have to raise its offer for Forte today by about 15 per cent, to between 375p and 380p a share, to give it a fair chance to overcome Forte's stong defence package. City analysts said.

But some analysts did not expect Granada to go that high and thought it would offer as little as 360p and argue that it could do a better job of managing Forte's broad collection of hotels and restaurants. There is even a slim possibili-

ty that Granada will effectively bandon the chase by leaving its bid unchanged. Granada gave no hints about what board decisions

were made yesterday. The

revised offer will be announced early today. Goldman Sachs, the US investment firm, expects Granada and 375p, while Strauss Turnbull Securities expects 375p. Kleinwort Benson last

week estimated Forte's breakup value at 380p, which suggests Granada will have to pitch its offer at a price higher than that if it hopes to tip the balance in its favour.

Most analysts said that Granada would have to increase the cash component of its bid. Its shares and cash bid was valued at 328p when the offer was launched in November. The all-cash alternative is worth 321.7p. Granada shares. which went ex-dividend yesterday, fell 4p to 643p, while

Forte lost ip, to 344p. Separately, Forte issued a writ against Henry Staunton, Granada's finance director, over remarks attributed to him in yesterday's edition of The Times. He was quoted as saying that Forte's defence document "was designed to mislead". Forte demanded an apology and "substantial" damages. Granada refused an

Seeboard takeover is cleared

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE takeover of Seeboard, the southeast electricity company, by Central and South West Corporation, the US utility, has been cleared by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade.

Mr Lang, who last year surprised the City with the referral of bids from National Power and PowerGen. the generators, for regional electricity companies, passed the £1.6 billion agreed bid after the electricity regulator and the Director-Gen-eral of Fair Trading said they had no objections.

After Mr Lang's approval, City attention may again focus on other US utilities with declared interests in Houston Industries, which had teamed up with Central and South West for an abortive move on Norweb, is known to be still interested.

Exchange rushes out reform plan

By Patrica Tehan

THE Stock Exchange will open the debate over how to reform the way that shares are traded with a consultative paper on Friday.

The City's leading invest-ment banks have made it clear to the Exchange that a system ods would be unworkable. In the document the Exchange will outline alternatives for share trading and

give market participants several weeks to submit responses. The document was planned for next week but. after the furore over the sacking of Michael Lawrence as chief executive, it is being rushed out this week.

The consultation paper is the result of a decision taken at an Exchange board meeting in November to move towards a system of full electronic trading and order matching. In the past the City's mar-

ket-makers have objected to came into operation.

such a system, arguing that the current quote-driven system ensures liquidity in the

market and that this would

disappear if an order-match-

ing system were introduced. At the November meeting the board saw a paper, preshowed the current system of market-making in the top 100 stocks was unprofitable. It showed that 17 per cent of the market value was already traded through an order book and that over 30 per cent of the volume of trading was already automated through order-

routing systems. Last night most marketmakers said that objections to an order-matching system had been dropped. concerns were over the timing of its introduction. They also wanted to ensure that rules of trading using the new system would be in place before it

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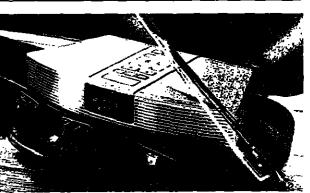
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Defensive move THE rapid consolidation of

the United States defence industry took a leap forward when Lockheed Martin, the industry leader, announced the \$9.1 billion purchase of Loral's defence business. whose activities include the manufacture of Patriot antimissile missiles. Page 25

Holiday war

Analysts yesterday predicted operators for the number three position in the British holiday market this summer after Inspirations, a relative newcomer to the market. surprised the City vesterday with better than expected results for the year to September 30. Page 24



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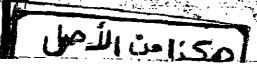
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Mortgage lending shows signs of revival in housing market

Consumer credit growth eases

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

GROWTH in consumer credit weakened in November, rising by a net 1613 million. compared with £830 million in October, according to official

The figues are not expected to have any implications for interest rates, as they show how consumers are financing their spending, and not how much they are spending.
The rise was below City

forecasts for an increase of between £650 million and E700 million. Andrew Milligan, economist at New Japan Securities, said that it should be seen in the context of the surge in October.

He said the longer-term trend "remains intact: in the six months to November, the average rise was about £660 million, compared with an increae of £600 million in the previous six-month period". Mr Milligan said that credit growth was running at about 1

per cent a month, or between 13 and 14 per cent a year.

Jonathan Loynes, economist HSBC Greenwell, said: "The figures tell us little about the strength of consumer activity, only how they are choosing to finance it." and added that there were certainly no implications for interest

Adam Cole, economist at James Capel. said mortgage lending figures were more encouraging. Net mortgage lending was £1.23 billion. 30

the effect of tax cuts and low figure. He said that although mortgage interest rates are mortgage borrowing "is still below levels recorded at this beginning to lead to some tentative renewal of confitime last year, shorter-term measures leave little doubt

The level of mortgage apthat the trend in borrowing is provals was £4.84 billion. now upwards." down on October's £4.88 bil-Adrian Coles, director-gen-eral of the Council of Mortlion. Excluding the October figure, the CML said, "apgage Lenders, said that there provals were higher in November than they had been were now more tangible reasince November 1994". sons for recovery to strengthen than there had been for five

Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, said that the half-point cut mortgage rates would come through in the coming months.

Net gilt sales were £245 million November, compared with £3.8 billion in October. because of the lack of a gilt auction in November.

Final M4 data for November showed the broad money measure up an adjusted I per cent, up 9.3 per cent on the year, with sterling lending at £2.6 billion.

M0 growth was unrevised at 0.7 per cent in November.

Holiday war forecast on surge at

By Marianne Curphey

Inspirations

ANALYSTS predicted a bitter ator, revealed a 22 per cent fall battle among tour operators for the number three position in the UK holiday market this summer after Inspirations, a relative newcomer, surprised the City with better than

expected year-end results. Despite echoing the general industry complaint that last summer had been the toughest "for 25 years", Inspirations unveiled pre-tax profit up 71 per cent to £7.7 million for the year to September 30. Last month. Airtours, the

UK's second-largest tour oper-



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in profits while First Choice. the third-largest, reported annual profits fell from £16.3 million to £1.3 million. While Inspirations said it

hoped to end this summer with a market share of 3.2 per cent compared with 2.1 per cent last year, analysts sug-gested it was underplaying its success and that its market share for 1995 had been closer to 5 per cent, since it carried 477,000 passengers out of a total of about 10 million.

Inspirations, run by Vic Fatah, has a retail agreement with AT Mays, the travel agent, owns Goldcrest, the aviation broker, and Caledonian Airways and runs two package holiday brands -Inspirations and Style. Its shares rose 11p to 119p.

Jim Harris, chairman, said the company had not been hit as hard as its rivals because tour operating accounted for a smaller percentage of overall business. He said 1996 forward bookings were down 8 per cent, against 26 per cent in the rest of the industry.

Turnover rose 70 per cent. to £356 million, and earnings per There is a final dividend of 2.8p, making a total of 3.5p net, a 25 per cent rise on the previous year.

☐ Airtours is poised to buy Simon Spies Holdings, which has a 40 per cent share of the Danish holiday market. according to City sources.



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years. He said: "Continued reductions in unemployment,

TREATT, the essential oils and aromatic chemicals company, yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £3.5 million (£2 million) in the year to September 30 and said orders were at record shares after the closure of the Unlisted levels. The company, whose managing director Securities Market. Shares fell 18p. to 329p.

is Hugo Bovill. above, is lifting the total dividend to 5.6p (4.6p), payable April 12, with a 3.8p final. Treatt is to seek a full listing for its

Shake-out at Nynex to cost 310 jobs

By Eric Reguly

NYNEX CABLECOMMS. the second largest cable company, said a restructuring aimed at reducing costs will result in 310 redundancies, equivalent to about 11 per cent of its staff. Nynex denied that lower

than expected sales are behind the redundancies which, when completed next month, will save £6 million to £7 million a year in overhead expenses.

It said a Coopers & Lybrand study determined that its costs were higher than some of its main competitors, such as TeleWest, and should come

Staff will be cut from virtually every department, includ-ing sales, customer service, public relations and management. About half of the losses will be involuntary. A restructuring charge of less than £1 million will be taken because most of the employees have been with the four-year-old company for a short time only.

Nynex will replace its re-gional, door-to-door sales force with a national, tele-phone-based sales organisation in an attempt to boost sales. Its cable-television and cable-telephony penetration rates, at 18.9 per cent and 23.8 per cent respectively, are below the national average. Nynex, 67 per cent owned by

Nynex Corporation of New York, a regional phone comoany, was floated last year at The shares fell 14p to 105½ p yesterday, setting a new 52-week low.

Share prices of the floated cable companies have all been disappointing because pene-tration rates have been lower than expected.

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Ex-Fisons chief gets post at LLP

By Alasdair Murray

STUART WALLIS, the former chief executive of Fisons, the pharmaceutical company. is to become the new non-executive chairman of LLP, the company that publishes Lloyd's List, the world's oldest

newspaper.

Mr Wallis will work about three days a month for LLP and will take a stake in the company, although he would not reveal the size of his investment. Mr Wallis said: "I have always had a healthy regard for LLP. It offers good opportunities for expansion and hopefully in a relatively short period of time we will seek a flotation."

Mr Wallis added that he had received a flood of other iob offers and was considering a number of other posts. He said: "I am having a number of chats, but I want to

become involved in projects I want to do, rather than simply things I am asked to do." Mr Wallis left Fisons with a £2.5 million pay-off at the end of December after the £1.53

billion takeover by Rhone-Poulenc Rocher, the pharma-

ceutical company.

LLP was bought out by its management last month for £82.5 million from Lloyd's of London. The MBO was led by Jain Lindsay-Smith, the chief executive, and was backed by 3i, the venture capital fund. LLP publishes around 300 titles and specialises in maritime information.



Wallis: taking a stake

McBride shares fall on profit warning

MCBRIDE, the detergents maker, lost a fifth of its stock mar-MCBRIDE, the detergents maker, lost a min of its stock market valuation yesterday after a profit warning sent its shares down 37p to a low of 148p. The company was floated in July, at 188p, and the shares reached a high of 215p in September. Yesterday's fall in the share price wiped nearly £65 million off the company's market value, leaving it at £259 million.

McBride blamed reduced margins and higher than appropriate application costs for the interior profits userving. The

expected production costs for the interim profits warning. The company said first-half sales were at record levels, but the growth failed to feed through as increased profits because of a squeeze on margins. The company had expected a recovery in margins in the first quarter which failed to materialise as a result of a later than expected slowdown in raw material price increases. increases. McBride was not able to recover the increased costs by lifting prices. The company also suffered up to 64.5 million of abnormal production costs and loss of margins because of the launch of products.

Pennington, page 25 the launch of products.

Xyratex sells division

XYRATEX, the UK computer products and services company that was formerly part of IBM, has sold its flexible interconnect division to ADFlex Solutions of America for \$50 million, it was announced yesterday. The division employs 180 people, including 50 engineers, and had revenues of about \$72 million in 1995. Its customers include IBM, Seagate, Quantum amd Hewlett-Packard. The division was set up in 1985 and began producing chip-on-flex (COF) assemblies for IBM hard-disk drives three years later. It now has about 40 per cent of the world market for wire-bond COF assemblies.

Limit stays ahead

LONDON Insurance Market Investment Trust (Limit), a corporate name at Lloyd's of London, yesterday confirmed its position as the largest single investor in the insurance market, with 6.5 per cent of the total underwriting capacity for 1996. Corporate capital companies together with the traditional individual names are providing £9.8 billion worth of capacity to the market this year. Limit said that it had lifted its total underwriting capacity nearly 7 per cent, to £635 million, while Hiscox Select Insurance revealed a 4 per cent advance, to £58.8 million.

Freshfields tops table

FRESHFIELDS has ousted Slaughter and May from the top of the league table of lawyers working for financial advisers or companies on UK public takeovers, according to Acquisitions Monthly. In 1995, Freshfields acted on 31 deals worth £32.2 billion, against 30 mandates totalling £29.7 billion for Slaughter and May, which had topped the table in each of the two previous years. Freshfields had a joint role on behalf of TSB Group, taken over by Lloyds Bank, and was sole adviser to Southern Electric, which received a £2.8 billion bid by National Power.

Barr hit by move costs

AG BARR, the maker of soft drinks including Iron-Bru, Tizer and Orangina, blamed a 31 per cent drop in full-year profits to £4.6 million on a combination of the cost of centralising its Scottish production facilities together with higher raw material costs. The fall in pre-tax profits from £6.7 million to £4.6 million in the year to October 28 was principally due to the £1.4 million exceptional charges relating to the move to a single production site at Cumbernauld. The final dividend rises to 6.2p (5.8p) making a total of 8.2p (7.8p). The dividend, due April 8, is being paid from earnings of 15.3p a share (23.8p).

Kvaerner wins contract

KVAERNER, the engineering group that owns the Govan shippard and whose takeover bid for Amec, the construction company, failed last year, has won an offshore contract worth 1.2 billion Norwegian crowns (£120 million) from Statoil, the Norwegian state oil company. The contract is for the Gullfaks satellite development in the North Sea. Work includes modifications to the Gullfaks A platform to tie in its three satellite fields as well as producing and installing new platform modules weighing up to 2,000 tonnes. The huge Gullfaks field pumped nearly 470,000 barrels a day in November.

Sunleigh loss continues

SUNLEIGH, the consumer products company, has given warning that it will again incur a loss in the year to December 31, 1995, after the wide-ranging reorganisation of its Maclaren subsidiary, which makes prams and pushchairs. One-off charges will include provisions against the write-down of assets, including unoccupied property for which no prospective buyers have emerged. Directors expect Maclaren to return to profit in 1996. Despite the poor results, the company said it remained within its banking facilities. In 1994, Sunleigh incurred pre-tax losses of £646,000.

Oil quotas exceeded

CRUDE oil production by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) bounced back in December to 25.49 million barrels per day (bpd). This was up 220,000 bpd from 25.27 million bpd in November, in excess of the official 24.52 million bpd ceiling, a Reuter survey showed yesterday. Calls at Opec's November talks aimed at curtailing individual quota-busting by some members appear to have gone unheeded. Venezuela remained Opec's biggest transgressor, with a steady 2.73 million bpd, 370,000 bpd over quota. Iran and Nigeria also registered higher volumes.

Courtaulds sale

COURTAULDS, the British chemicals company, has sold its cellulose packaging film business, Courtaulds Films Cellophane, to UCB, of Belgium, for an undisclosed sum. The business is based in Bridgwater, Somerset, and employs 490 people. It has a capacity of 20,000 tonnes and a net asset value of £11.7 million. In the year to March 31, 1995, it had sales of E50 million. After the acquisition, UCB's turnover in packaging films will rise to £180 million.

Minister urges better environmental standards

Greener vision for black stuff

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE Government yesterday pressed the coal industry for tougher environmental standards while offering little reassurance about future protection.

Richard Page. Minister for Energy and Small Business, indicated that coal would be left to its own devices after the expiry of present supply deals to the generators amid full competition in power supply, which will bring more gasfired energy on stream. He signalled heavy demands on the coal industry for a

from imports or even the competition from gas is the challenge of rising expectations on the environment." He emphasised: "People do not accept the environmental impact of industrial activities as they once did."

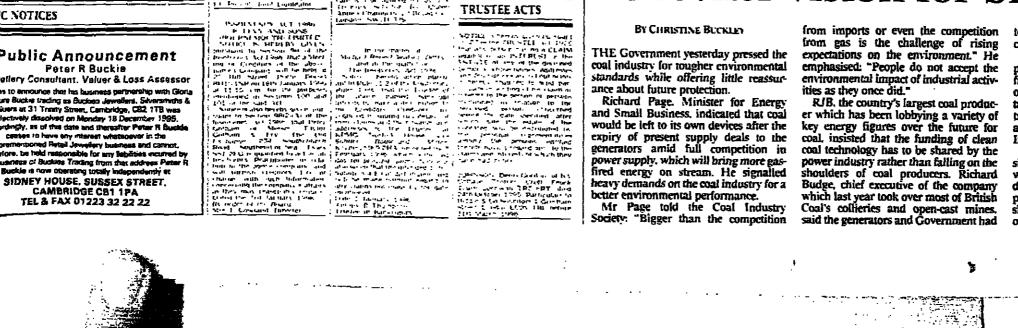
RJB, the country's largest coal producer which has been lobbying a variety of key energy figures over the future for coal, insisted that the funding of clean coal technology has to be shared by the power industry rather than failing on the shoulders of coal producers. Richard Budge, thief executive of the company

to take some of the cost of making coal

A split is also clear between coal producers and the Government over the framework under which coal should operate in the future. RIB has been in talks with Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, Labour's energy team. and the Department of Trade and

It hopes to persuade them that there should be a mixed fuel policy under which generation needs are covered by a determined mix of gas, coal and nuclear power. It argues that the dash for gas is short-term and gas-fired generators are often more costly than coal-fuelled ones.





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☐ FOR years, finance directors Pensioning off the fat cats have been fooling investors by publishing financial data in so raw and esoteric a form that the accounts might as well have been

printed in Minoan Linear B for all they contributed to open corporate governance. Company balance sheets will probably have to continue in their current form for a while. alas. But the accountants have been working to produce a more transparent view of just what directors receive in the way of

into the Stock Exchange's listing requirements in due course.

At present, that chunk of the accounts dealing with what are archaically called directors' emoluments is clear enough on salary, often rather less clear on share options and clear as mud

pension entitlements, to be taken

on pensions.
Under the Greenbury code, it would have to be quite transparent on the first two. The argument has been over the third, because there are any number of ways of expressing mathematically the value of any pension, only some of which are comprehensible to the lay or even the professional investor.

The Institute of Actuaries and the Faculty of Actuaries yesterday produced a consultation document setting out a range of five possible methods of calculation and a tendency towards one. This is likely to be a preference shared by most institutional investors and abhorred by fat-cat

Such actuarial arguments are not normally a matter for rioting in the streets. But pension calculations do make up a substantial portion of those huge payoffs and pay increases that we will hopefully be seeing less of in future. Cedric Brown's salary increase last year brought him a £1 million boost to his individual pension, as duly set out in the British Gas accounts.

The actuaries tend towards a so-called transfer value method, which would show the actual amount the director's rights to benefits had risen by over the past year. This is transparent enough, and it has the added virtue of being utterly objective, understandable by all and providing an easy basis for comparison between companies. It does, however, throw up an

salary increases towards the end of a director's career provide an enormous upwards kicker on the value of those rights. Directors naturally prefer a smoothed approach, whereby that increase

is phased in over each of the remaining years of their careers.
Tough. Investors are entitled to the clearest exposition possible of what they pay their employees, the directors. It is up to the latter to explain any mitigating circumstances to their shareholders' satisfaction.

Entering into the spirit

ONE could understand the fuss, if they were bottling the stuff and selling it as Lucozade. But the largely artificial furore over alcoholic lemonade and its ilk has more to do with a drinks industry closing ranks against outsiders than any legitimate health concerns.
First, last night's Panorama. It

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dealt only tangentially with the subject of not-so-soft soft drinks and the young, but was more concerned to give us another Awful Warning about how much

we all drink.
Second, the forthcoming
Portman Group swipe at alcoholic lemonade. The Portman Group reckons to be the conscience of the drinks industry, and deeply troubled it is in this case. Of the seven largest drinks producers that make up the group, three are involved in alcoholic soft drinks and four are not, yet. The group is divided on the issue — odd, that. The then tiny Australian drinks out-favoured option is dropping the fit, and only Bass so far here has

SHARES in Redland, the building

materials company, dropped 7p to 38ip after it warned of a small drop in

profits from last year's £388 million (Alasdair Murray writes). Redland blamed weak markets in

Europe and the UK for disappointing

sales. UK sales for aggregrates fell by between 7 and 13 per cent, and brick

volumes declined by 14 per cent and

concrete roof volumes by 4 per cent.

However, Redland maintained higher

Redland issues warning

term "alcoholic lemonade" in exchange for something less confusing to the young.
It is hard to imagine just what

could be less confusing. What you see is what you get — lemonade with alcohol in it. If the bottles are confusing the tiny tots in their wanderings around the kitchen, however, that is a matter for the parents. The average teenager is perfectly aware of alcohol and its function if alcoholic lemonade is being used as a foothold into the adult world of real drinking, then it is merely supplanting the tra-

What we have here is a classic case of Wish I'd thought of that - now let's try to stop it". Drinks groups have spent millions developing bland concoctions aimed squarely at young people. The last serious stab was the range of madly competing ciders that did for that particular market. Alcoholic lemonade was first introduced to Britain by a

ditional role of cider.

prices in most UK operations. The

usual year-end shutdown of brick production was extended to cut stock.

In the important German market, a

decline in housing starts reduced sales

of concrete roof tiles by 10 per cent, but

Redland also announced buying

Colony Materials, a US aggregrates company, for \$11 million. Redland's

full-year results will be released at the

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margins remained firm.

end of March.

managed to get much more than a foot on the bandwagon. Two things are certain: this year will see a lot more not-so-soft drinks running the gamut of fruit flavours from the big producers, and the craze will shortly thereafter die the death.

Blurred

vision

☐ THE claim that job losses at Nynex are to do with high costs rather than low demand looks like a distinction without a difference. Nynex's costs are too high because of an alarming shortfall between the confidence shown at the time of last year's flotation and the experience on the nation's doorsteps.

That experience was shared by the rest of the cable TV sector. The larger TeleWest announced a similar cost-cutting exercise at its key London South franchise in November. In cable, as in any other industry, low demand means costs have to fall. In the

ANOTHER independent US chemi-

cals distributor yesterday went into the hands of Ellis & Everard, the Bradford

distributor that has steadily been

expanding its overseas operations

Ellis bought George Mann for £4.1

million in a deal that also meant the

assumption of £4 million in debt. The

UK group, which has been refocusing

its activities over the past two years.

also bought Surphos Chemicals from

(Christine Buckley writes).

Ellis expands overseas

US, for various historical reasons, take up of homes where cable is offered has always run at about 65 per cent. The availability of good terrestrial channels and satellite meant those levels could never be reached in the UK, while the coming of digital TV will offer customers yet

another option.
On flotation, Nynex and the rest talked in terms of a 40 per cent take-up, an expectation then lowered to 30 per cent. The actual figure is running at 20 per cent, with Nynex at the bottom of the pack. What has saved the cable operators has been higher demand for telephony services, and the defection of 50,000 customers a month from BT. This is not guaranteed to continue for ever.

Margin of error

☐ FEW expect this to be a record year for new issues, and McBride, one of a rash of venture capital cash-ins in 1995, has just shown why. When the company floated in July, much was made of the resilience of margins in own-label goods, in spite of market scepticism. Much has been heard since of falling margins, culminating in yes terday's warning and another 20 per cent off the share price.

Albright & Wilson for £1.4 million. It is

funding the moves with a placing of 4.18 million shares, which should raise

£9.6 million. The acquisitions were announced on the back of half-year

Pre-tax profits at Ellis were 24 per

cent ahead of the same period last year.

at £13 million, on sales that were up 20 per cent to £293 million. The interim

dividend, payable on March 8, rises II

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results that topped expectations.

per cent to 3p.

Lockheed boosts - defence role with \$9.1bn Loral deal

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE rapid consolidation of economies of scale enjoyed by the United States defence industry took a leap forward when Lockheed Martin, the industry leader, announced the \$9.1 billion purchase of Loral's defence business, whose activities include the manufacture of Patriot antimissile missiles.

At the same time, Lockheed will invest \$344 million to acquire a stake in Loral's other main businesses, which will be packaged in a new company, Loral Space and

Communications. The deals, which require regulatory approvals in the United States and Europe, will add to pressure for consolidation of Europe's fragmented defence industry. Although market forces have already led to a wide restructuring of Britain's arms industry, incompatible government policies have largely frustrated industrialists' ambitions to deepen cross-border collabor-

their American rivals.

Lockheed Martin became the world's biggest defence company last year after the merger of Lockheed and Martin Marietta. Adding Loral's activities will lift annual sales to \$30 billion. The combined business will have an order backlog of \$47 billion.

The deals will unite two of the most successful companies in the defence electronics industry, offering skills ranging from systems integration to command, control and communications. Loral already embraces the defence activities of the IBM and Unisys computer groups, acquired in

takeovers. It will be a leading supplier to the Ministry of Defence. Lockheed manufactures the C-130 transport plane used by the Royal Air Force, while Loral has been involved in systems for Britain's nuclear submarines and helicopters. ation in a drive to match the Loral is also teamed with

British Aerospace in the £1.5 billion competition to upgrade the RAF's Nimrod reconnaissance planes, while Lockheed is bidding its P3 Orion for the contract.

The merger comes hard on the heels of the announcement last week that Northrop Grumman, a diversified defence group formed by merger in 1994, is to acquire the Westinghouse defence businesses, focused on electronic systems, for \$3.6 billion.

Loral's shareholders will receive \$38 a share in cash, plus shares in the newly formed Loral Space and Communications Corporation. That company, will own 31 per cent of the Nasdaq-quoted Globalstar and 33 per cent of Space Systems/Loral, a satellite manufacturer with annual sales of \$1 billion.

In effect, Loral will be reduced to a satellite and communications business. with \$700 million of cash to develop those interests.

Trinity wins

orders in

Far East

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

TRINITY Holdings, maker of Dennis fire engines, Dart buses and refuse lorries, has won a host of Far East orders worth more than £30 million. Joint contracts have been ecured by Dennis Specialist Vehicles and Duple (Metsec) to supply three Hong Kong operators with double-deck

ouses worth £20 million. Metsec has also won orders for a further 200 hus hody kits to SBS. Singapore's leading operator. Other orders include fire-fighting vehicles for Hong Kong, refuse vehicles for Macan and and airport

Steve Burton, chief executive, said: "We are continuing to make significant in-roads into overseas markets and these orders demonstrate the

group's competitiveness in areas which are also targets for

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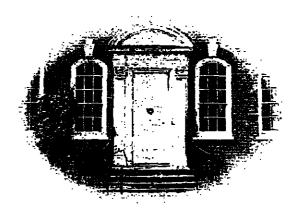


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Steve Burton has escalated sales to the Far East

Healthy Christmas pleases the market

Tonic for Lloyd's Chemists

By SARAH BAGNALL

LLOYD'S CHEMISTS, Britain's second biggest pharmacy chain, vesterday reported a healthy advance in sales over the Christmas period, helped by improved fortunes from each of its core operations.

After a slow start to the year, the retailer saw sales rise by 24 per cent in the second quarter, a period covering the three months to December 31. The advance was achieved in spite of a string of drugstore closures. Overall sales for the first half rose 21 per cent, to

The City was pleased with the figures and in the stock

289p.
Allen Lloyd, chairman, said: "It is satisfactory to have achieved good growth in the second quarter, off-setting a relatively slow start to the year, and resulting in the first-half sales figures showing a

positive advance." The biggest growth in un-derlying sales was at Holland the group's Barrett, healthcare chain.

Lloyds said the chain lifted like-for-like sales 10.3 per cent in the second quarter of the year, compared with 3.4 per cent in the first quarter. Sales at Holland & Barrett in the first quarter were affected by

market the shares rose 10p, to the hot weather, but the benefits of increased marketing and advertising spend began

> After a like-for-like sales advance of less than one per cent in the first quarter, the chemist chain lifted like-forlike sales by nearly six per cent in the second quarter. Trading over Christmas was in line

The black spot remains the drugstore division, which is being restructured. Underlying sales fell 3.5 per cent in the second quarter, compared with a fall of 8.5 per cent in the first quarter.

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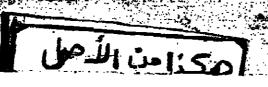
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but the strain, if volumes continue to fall, may

The recovery in America has been better

than expected but is still patchy. The upturn

in France may finally arrive this year but

Redland also continues to face deep-seated

structural difficulties that it is no nearer to

solving. Profits from Braas in Germany are

unsatisfactorily derived from a dividend and there is no sign that the Braas family, which

holds the minority stake, is willing to sell. Continuing weakness in UK operations leaves a hefty ACT bill.

Redland is not especially expensive on a

forward p/e ratio of 11.7 per cent and still yields more than 5.5 per cent but it is a long

way from full profitability and for the mo-

ment the bounce has gone out of the shares.

of 20.7p.

GOOD ROAD HOLDING

Sharp, the stockbroker, fore-

cast pre-tax profits of £16

million in the current year to

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On a price-earnings ratio

of nearly 17, the shares are at

a premium, which is justi-

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growth. The market will be

unforgiving if it makes any

remains vulnerable to political problems.

force Redland to rethink its strategy.

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Bleak house

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acquisition of the aircraft

and cargo handling division of ML Holdings offers scope for profit enhancement and

provides better purchasing power. Analysts at Albert E.

TRINITY HOLDINGS

Last month's £14 million

venture in Malaysia.







French make Allder candidate for takeov

ALLDERS, the department store and duty-free retailer, found itself a takeover candidate as it emerged that LVMH, the French luxury goods group, had snapped up a 2 per cent stake.

The shares responded to the news with a leap of 14p at 184p. after earlier in the morning going ex its 4.6p dividend. Allders declined to comment last night, but brokers say the move could be the prelude to a full bid. By the close of business, more than 1.5 million Allders shares had traded in a market where dealers will normally only make a price in 10,000 shares at a time.

LVMH, which includes lux ury names like Moët and Chandon and Christian Dior. confirmed the purchase of the stake after announcing a num-ber of board changes. LVMH continues to hang onto a 20 per cent cross-holding in Guinness.

The rest of the equity market made a confident start to the week. At one stage it came within a whisker of its all-time high, touching 3,722.8. But the delayed start to trading on Wall Street because of the adverse weather conditions saw London lose some momentum. In thin trading, the FT-SE 100 index finished 16.1 up at 3.720.6. with 575 million shares changing hands.

Forte shaded Ip to 344p as it waited to see if Granada would increase its £3.2 billion offer ahead of the expiry of today's deadline. The Granada board met yesterday to decide whether to top the current offer of 328p a share. City speculators are hoping that Granada will raise the offer to between 340p and 380p defence by Britain's biggest hotelier. Granada finished 3p easier at 643p with the market worried that an increased offer will put its finances

under further pressure.
Lloyds Chemists responded to a favourable trading statement with a rise of 10p to 289p. The group said it had enjoyed sales growth in all its core businesses. On Thursday, it is the turn of Boots, up 14p to 599p, with the market looking for positive news on trading during the busy Christmas period. Storehouse. unchanged at 332p, and Next. 4p better at 450p, are also expected to be upbeat about recent trading when they issue trading statements this week. Sceboard hardened 5p to 532p



Sir Neil Shaw, chairman of Tate & Lyle, which fell 10p

after the Government gave the go ahead for the £1.6 billion bid by Central and South West. C&SW received the necessary approval after giving the Government certain assurances. C&SW already owns almost 80 per cent of the

J Sainsbury moved quickly to dismiss claims it is on the verge of issuing a profits

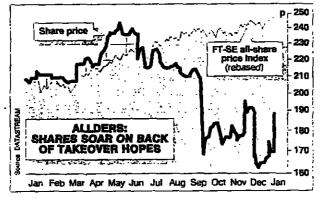
benefited from the blizzards sweeping the US which should result in higher fuel consumption. Shell rose 112p to 87712p. BP 10p to 54912p and Enterprise Oil 10p to 394p. But the best gain was seen in Burmah, up 24p at 962p. Brokers say several market-makers were cleared out of stock on Friday and are now scrambling to cover ex-

Investors have decided that not only is a dog man's best friend. but it may also make him a profit. Pet City, the pet superstore group, which joined AIM just before Christmas at 300p a share has leapt ahead. It closed last night up 27p at 437p. The group plans to expand its 35 stores to more than 300 over eight years.

warning. Instead the group is expected to make an announcement tomorrow which may be positive. A report by Verdict, the retail consultant. said that, despite fierce competition, the big supermarket chains continued to achieve better returns than many of their foreign rivals. Argyll, which owns Safeway, rose op to 342p. Asda ip to 11212p, and Tesco 2p to 307p. Oil shares

posed postions. Tate & Lyle was a depressed market falling 10p to 469p after Credit Lyonnais Laing cut its profit forecast for the current year from £331 million to £308 million. Despite the downgrading. Laing remains bullish of Tate.

However, other brokers are more cautious. The group has begun re-negotiating the price of its high fructose corn syrup.



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GILT-EDGED: Sentiment remained subdued with prices trading in narrow limits for much of the day. The situation was not helped by the snow storms in the US which delayed the start of trading on

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Trinity TRINITY HOLDINGS has been one of the success stories of the new issues market. Shares in the maker of Dennis fire engines, Dart buses and refuse lorries, have risen threefold since E:SDR flotation in October 1992. 149.8 Nov (3.1%) Jan 1987=100 149.8 Nov (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

Having achieved prominence in its traditional markets over the past few years, Trinity has expanded overseas and into related markets as part of its strategy to maintain 20 per cent growth. Its recipe for success has been based on an ability to provide what firemen and dustmen need. The latest £30 million Far

East contract will push Trinity's exports to record levels. while a foothold in China provides further eastern

Trinity should reap rewards from steady cash flow

Lloyd's THE Lloyd's corporate capi-

tal companies have had a rather sickly infancy. Since their birth in 1993, the shares have universally failed to sparkle, reflecting their parent's struggle to fight off seemingly endless problems.

Share prices have suffered

as a result of concerns over the insurance market's future, sparked by fears over solvency, debt collection and litigation. Investors bought in when some problems were already apparent. Shareholders were made aware that under Lloyd's three-year accounting system they would see no underwriting However, the expected returns are now less than originally forecast because the companies are being required to contribute to Lloyd's restructuring.

Increased competition has eroded the market's profitability since its peak in 1993.

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ed to be profitable but lower insurance rates across sevmake 1996 less attractive.

The sector comprises companies of varying sizes and differing underwriting and investment approaches. Some are high-cost opera-tors, others have low gearings to the good years of 1994 and a few — such as LIMIT - are large enough to benefit from operating a diversified underwriting book. In the main, the shares reflect the individual advantages and disadvantages and given the background the shares

Ellis & Everard

look fairly priced.

IF Ellis & Everard were a shopper it would be the type envied at this time of the year: one that pops into a shop awash with promotional gimmicks but carefully selects an item that will fit well with an existing wardrobe and last for years. The chemicals distributor

has acquired a reputation for

sensible acquisitions and yes-

terday bought a couple more

off the peg.

Ellis as a distributor has another ace up its sleeve. It is less exposed to the sharp sweeps in fortune dictated by the chemicals cycle than the companies with which it works. Indeed it can take some benefit from the cycle when businesses look to use suppliers more in order to guard themselves against over-stocking in price swings.
Volumes for Ellis showed a

slight tilt downwards towards the end of the year and if the fears of a more fundamental slump in chemicals prospects further curbed. But overall the company is developing organically, improving underlying volumes modest ly, and by acquisition with a wide geographical strategy. It may not achieve outstanding performance but inves-

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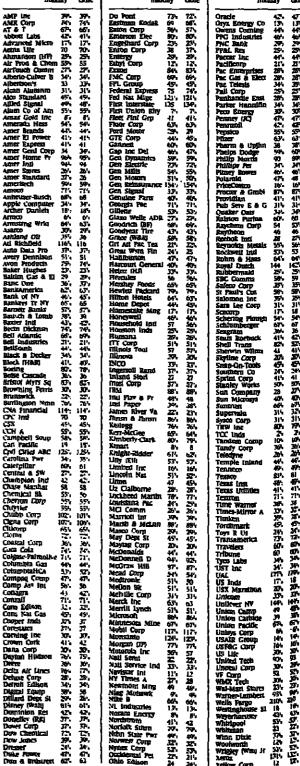
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DIARY

Curling stays on his bike

PROMOTION to the top at Osborne Clarke, the law firm, where employees are expected to have "a distinctive personal style, has done nothing to change the travelling habits of Chris Curling. He's been with the firm since 1978, and has just been made senior partner in Bristol

The post, you would imagine, brings with it a car and a parking space. Curling, a keen cyclist, has been peddling seven miles to and from work for several years and has no intention of changing his mode of transport. But he has bagged the parking bay for his bike.

Women aboard

MIKE GOLDING, who beat Chay Blyth's solo circumnavigation record by more than 100 days in 1994, has changed his ways and his crew for the BT Global Challenge. Four years ago, in the British Steel race, he had the only all-male crew. Now, he has welcomed three women aboard. However, only two can be named: Amanda Tristram and Alex Sizer. The third, a communications manager with a City firm, hid behind fellow crew members during the photocall, saying: "I haven't told my boss yet that I will be taking nine months off work."

Spared the axe SOME luck, of sorts, is

coming the way of Smith New Court staff, whose firm was absorbed into Merrill Lynch last year. It's that time of the year when Merrill examines costs, and out of a worldwide workforce of 44,000, possibly up to 250 will be tapped on the shoulder. In Britain, the firm employs 3,000, of which 24 could sured, none of the troops at former SNC is on the list.



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Trading first

ING Barings has become the first overseas broker to open on the floor of the Johannesburg stock ex-change without "paying" for the privilege. Trading commenced yesterday. marking the next stage in the local development of the firm, which opened a research office in Johannesburg in October, 1994. Greg Mackay, London-based head of dealing for South African products, is in South Africa to oversee the latest push, supporting Simon Hollis, local head of operations.

ANTHONY BROOKE, a managing director at SBC Warburg, is joining BZW next month as a senior banker in its mer-chant banking division, with responsibility for UK corporate coverage.

Howe on form

THE importer of Louis Roederer Champagne is staggered by the accuracy of Nigel Howe in predict-ing the year-end FT-SE 100 index. It promised a jero-boam of 1989 Roederer Cristal for the closest prediction. In July, Howe, 38, from Peel Hunt, the broker, opted for 3,689.2, onetenth of a point lower than the actual close. Tonight, he picks up his prize, equivalent to four normal bottles. A jeroboam recently fetched £800 at auction. His prediction for the end of this year is 3.720.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Digital money opens way to cashless global trading

The Internet needs a safe way to barter,

reports

Alasdair Murray

The business potential for the Internet is beyond doubt. It offers a future of ultraquick, efficient and, above all, global business. But to date the greatest commercial use seems to have been as a glorified advertising forum for corporations desperate to gain youthful credibility.

Until a safe, convenient and recognised form of electronic money arrives, it remains a huge global marketplace without a means of barter. The real net revolutionaries are not the prophets of the information superhighway, whose sciencefiction visions of the future have coloured coverage to date, but the small band of companies working on Internet payment systems. If they are successful the repercussions will go far beyond giving office workers the opportunity to order pizzas online.

Analysts estimate there will be a potential Internet market worth £400 billion by the end of the decade. Electronic money offers the perfect means of exchange, providing instant settlement, easy storage and saving on bank fees. It will also open the door to anyone seeking to place money in tax havens, enabling floods of currency to circulate around the globe, far from the state's reach.

As Ray Hammond, who is writing a book on the subject entitled Digital Money, to be published by Hodder and Stoughton in the spring, says: "Electronic money will be a major threat to national economic sovereignty. Its growth will diminish the role of the state and encourage the rise of new money providers - economic corporations." As yet, there is no clear

indication which of the electronic money schemes is going to be a winner. But choices made now will have a profound effect on what kind of system evolves. The big guns, Microsoft, Visa and Mastercard, have only recently enworking on protocols for encrypted credit card pay-ments to ensure a hacker will not be able to pick up your credit card number online and take it on an instant shopping sorce. The original concept was for Visa and Mastercard to work together to establish a single system, but Visa has teamed up with Microsoft and Mastercard with Netscape to

launch competing systems. Credit card systems will give Internet commerce a boost, providing mail order companies with a novel outlet for their wares, but ultimately they can only be part of the solution. Much net commerce is likely to revolve around small payments for data. whether it is paying pennies to read an online database or taking part in an interactive

What is needed is an Internet payment system that more closely resembles cash and this is where the small dedicated companies, with names such as Cybercash and Digicash, come in Cybercash has developed a system that goes one step beyond the credit card. The user deposits money



with a bank affiliated to the scheme — there are currently ten participating institutions and then downloads an electronic purse to spend in Internet shops. After a purchase is made, the shopkeeper contacts the customer's bank, the electronic money provides the necessary information. and converts the digital money back into real cash.

Cybercash's system most closely resembles a switch card and the company itself cautiously refers to it as an electronic method of messaging money.

Magdalena Yefil, a cofounder of Cybercash, believes the attraction is that it keeps a tight control on real funds: The money is in the bank of where the money is. Cybercash also offers real

benefits for global transactions. Money can be deposited in any denomination, even though, so far, the participating banks are only in the US. Paying in Cybercash will cut out expensive currency conversion for both customers and Digicash, founded by David

Chaum, the guru of cryptology, is far more ambitious in the development of its electronic money scheme, ecash. It dispenses with the need for an escrow account, working more like an ATM (automated teller machine). An account is set up, the amount of ecash to be withdrawn is requested and the amount downloaded to your personal computer. When asked to pay, you confirm the transaction and your software transfers the required amount. Vendors then deposit coins in their own

digital accounts. Digicash has just gone live, teaming up with the Mark Twain Bank of St Louis, Missouri, which provides the bank accounts. Swedish Post, whose retail banking arm has

direct access to more than 75 per cent of Swedish households, has also bought a licence to use ecash, although

it has yet to give a launch date.

Well-reported cases of hackers stealing data have raised fears about the security of money on the Internet. But Digicash maintains that the built-in security provided by ecash makes it more secure than existing methods of holding money. Ecash uses encryption techniques as powerful as those used for nuclear secrets, to protect it in transfer, and a digital signature that makes any coin unique and usable just once. If you lose your money, through a computer crash for instance, a back-up number allows you to

If electronic cash succeeds the market could be worth \$400bn by the end of

the decade

one refuses to give you a receipt, the digital signature will provide proof that you spent the money. But every advance in elec-

tronic money technology increases fears that the freedom that digital money offers also increases the potential for abuse. The ability to transfer sums anywhere in the world instantaneously, was previ-ously only available to the money markets. Now it will be possible for anyone to send funds to some Internet bank offshore, far beyond the reach of the taxman, or to set up an Internet business in any obliging country in the world.

without leaving home.

Mr Hammond, whose Hammond organisation specialises in Internet and business, says: "The ease with which money can be moved about and the levels of anonymity available will speed up the shift towards relying on indirect taxation."

If ecash takes off and banks or even companies decide to start lending electronic currency, the currency begins to take on a life of its own, no longer backed by cash held in accounts or by a direct conversion from hard money. It will develop a value divorced from government-issued cash, and the money is issued by reputable businesses who can guarantee its value, it could quickly prove more attractive than a number of the weaker currencies around the world. Mr Hammond believes that

You will get a situation where Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's or Microsoft want to issue their own money, a kind of extension of voucher shopping. The money will succeed if they can back it with resources. We are going to see corporate money and companies making payments and valued by their exchange rate

and not their stock price." The flipside is that the world could return to a system of competing private currencies, and when trust breaks down much of the issued ecash will end up worth no more than monopoly money. In America in the mid-nineteenth century. a number of US banks that privately issued money crashed, leading the government to take control of the money system.

It is trust that is the essential element in the equation. Money can only act as a store of value if people believe in it. For the moment digital money is likely to preserve its value only if can be exchanged for traditional currencies like the dollar, sterling or the mark. "People have trust in the existing banking system and it

will serve no purpose to undermine that trust," says Ms Yelif. "This is why we chose to launch Cybercash not as a new denomination but as a way of bringing the benefits of electronic transfers to the exist-

ing environment." This reasoning might also explain why the Bank of England does not appear too worried by the developments. "The biggest question we will face is deciding whether companies offering ecash are tak-ing deposits," says Chris Bailey, a spokesman for the Bank. "If it is, and it looks as though in most cases it will be, the company will have to fulfil deposit-taking regulations. Consumers will be protected by existing regulations."

development of ecash is likely to be the consumer, who finds it hard enough already to put trust in the banking and monetary system. To expect digital money to sweep the system away almost overnight is to make the old mistake of assuming technology always drives people. Digital money will only succeed if it adapts to the needs of its users.



Blair misses the point

Nony Blair is a man of strong opinions, but he doesn't quite know what they are. His speech in Singapore yesterday laid out the "economic big idea" that is supposed to cap Mr Blair's reconstruction of the Labour Party by giving the voters a positive reason to support Labour. Contrary to the world-weary cynicism that passes for insight in the dinner party consensus, Mr Blair does have a big idea. In fact, he has at least two big ideas. The trouble is that they sound cliched, mean-

ingless and uninspiring.

Mr Blair says that he wants to create a "stakeholder society" that would bind the nation together in the common enterprise of achieving economic success. He also wants to extirpate ione-term unemployment. promising that "the problems of low pay and unemployment must be tackled at source". What he does not seem to recognise - and certainly does not convey are the potentially revolutionary implications of these

apparent platitudes. Beneath the hideous business school jargon of the 'stakeholder society', what Mr Blair seems to be talking about is a new definition of socialism: as the antithesis not of capitalism but of parrow individualism. He is repudiating the Thatcherite slogan that "there is no such thing as society". He is implying that an everyman-for-himself society in which individuals confine themselves to fighting for their own material interests will not be politically popular or even economically

n making these claims, Mr Blair seems to have stumbled onto a potentially inspiring project for the new Left to redefine socialism as the politics of co-operative social action, rather than of state ownership or income redistribumeaning into the mysterious third element of the old leftwing slogan — liberty. equality, fraternity.

This is a big idea if ever there were one. But does Mr Blair realise that this is what his call for a "stakeholder society" is really about? And is he prepared to take the political risk of moving from man-

ge of social revolution? Now consider unemploy ment. To tackle unemployment "at source" would require a complete transformation in the conduct of

economic policy in Britain. The minimum conditions would be root-and-branch reform of the Treasury and the Bank of England - including the removal of most of their senior officials and total repudiation of the monetarist orthodoxy that governments must never "take risks" with inflation. enthusiastically endorsed by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor.

There is a simple arithmetical fact: unemployment can only be reduced if the economy grows by more than the growth of productivity plus the growth in the number of people who want to work. Given the rapid rate of technological progress that Mr Blair wants to promote and the large number of alienated, work-shy and otherwise discouraged people he wants to coax into the labour force, the combined growth of productive potential is likely to be at least 3 per cent. It is, then a matter of simple arithmetic to see that unemployment can only be reduced within a reasonable period - say the five-year lifetime of a parliament - if the economy grows by about 4 per cent.

hat (if anything) a government can do to achieve such rapid growth is an open question. What is indisputable, however, is that the Treasury and the Bank can easily prevent rapid growth taking place. All they have to do is to raise interest rates and/or taxes every time the economy accelerates above. say, 3.5 per cent. This is precisely what the people who now run the Treasury and the Bank devoutly believe in. Long-term stagnation. combined with permanent then be guaranteed.

Yet Labour leaves this powerful point to be made by such anti-establishment right-wingers as Patrick Minford and John Redwood. Meanwhile, Mr Blair does not seem to understand his own promises and cries only crocodile tears for the unemployed.

Funding a personal service to beat youth unemployment

From Mr George Barlow Sir. As chairman of the Gateway Project and Partner-ship in north Southwark, I must write to endorse the South London Training and Enterprise Council call for substantial investment in training and work experience for young people" in London, as reported on January 2.

Gateway opened its doors two years ago to house, train and prepare 116 formerly homeless young people for work. The on-site training service provided has been hugely

successful in getting 96 young not sufficient to aid the people into work and 50 into further education. The customised assessment and training compact entered into by each young person has been the key to this success. It is a matter of regret that this vital

ingredient in the training programme is not government-funded, but is dependent on the vagaries of charitable giving. The message is clear — the government-funded training packages, funded through the Training and Enterprise

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From Mr Paul S. Ing The key is the personal assessment of training need Sir, Regarding "Cruickshank lays down the law" (Pennington, December 22), it and the compact to achieve agreed targets, which now seems continued British suirequires reliable and substancide that UK businesses are commercially forced to pur-chase communications prod-ucts and services from tial investment if mass youth unemployment in London is to be avoided. Yours faithfully overseas communications GEORGE BARLOW companies who do not have to (Chief Executive), submit their products and Peabody Trust,

tariffs to the regulator. Given British Telecom and Mercury have to submit their tariffs for services publicly, it allows overseas post and tele-communications companies to cherry-pick the UK market. This structure is killing Mercury and unless we act soon we will lose another excellent British company. So please let us all play on the same playing field and allow UK business to purchase and fully support UK plc.
Yours faithfully, PAULS, ING. 17 Homestead Road, Chelsfield Park.



Disclosure needs better explanation

From Mr H.R. Wynne-Griffith Sir, Your article on pension costs (December 29) highlights the difficulty in ensuring that disclosure of pension rights under Greenbury are not misconstrued. It is not correct to say that top directors were "given contributions" of some large amount. What those individuals were given were

pension rights that automatically increase as their service gets longer. Each year that goes by clocks up an additional unit of pension. In many cases, the same is true when salary is increased. The simplistic approach to disclosure suggested by Greenbury will lead to more of the unhelpful comparisons that are quoted in the article.

Whilst disclosure is important, great care must be taken to ensure that complex expen-

diture such as that on pensions is not treated as if it were a simple, straightforward and quotable headline figure. More work needs to be done on the Greenbury proposals for disclosure before a satisfactory solution is found to this difficult problem. Yours faithfully. H. R. WYNNE-GRIFFITH, Barnett Waddingham. Consulting actuaries, Bow Bells House.

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Cautious optimism on 1996 prospects

By Rodney Hobson

BRITISH owner-managed busi- and lower tax levels. 41 per cent of nesses are cautiously optimistic about prospects for 1996, according to the fourth annual European business survey by Grant Thornton, the business adviser.

Just over half expect to increase profits, the highest level of optimism in the European Union. while a third believe that they will take on more staff.

Expectations for exporting are still buoyant, with hopes rising for the third consecutive year. How-ever, the survey found that 42 per cent of UK small and medium businesses intended to raise selling prices, while 69 per cent of German and 71 per cent of their French counterparts thought they would hold prices steady, or even cut them. Andrew Godfrey, head of growth

and development services at Grant Thornton, said: "Despite uncerrainty about what the future may hold in the political arena. with a general election looming, business people in the UK are holding their own and are significantly more positive than their French and

German counterparts."

He added: "The main area for concern is rising prices. If UK selling prices increase, the competitive edge which British exports currently have over countries like Germany and France, with the currently favourable exchange rates, could be lost."

☐ Against a backdrop of a stable economy, falling unemployment

owner-managed firms expanded in 1995, the Forum of Private Business said. However, it complained that the Government had failed to curb the damage caused by the uniform business rate, the black economy. red tape and unfair competition.

The forum also attacked the Government for failure to introduce a statutory right to interest on late payments. "It is no longer tenable for government to hide behind the excuse that the CBI, representing minority big busi-nesses, disagrees with the FPB representing the majority of small-er businesses. The 17-year failure of this Government to find a workable deterrent against late payment is a shameful record."



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when retail premises became available in Lacock, a National Trust village in Wiltshire. An empty shop there is a rare event and more than 100 applicants showed interest. A village survey showed people wanted a bakery most. Three

bakers applied but Jean Sheard won because she planned to bake bread on the premises. The National Trust approved and Lacock Bakery was formed in the depth of recession. Three years

on, turnover has grown at an annual rate of more than 25 per cent. Mrs Sheard says: "I had always been interested in cooking and had previously operated a part-time pakery business from my bungalow. I made birthday cakes, traditional biscuits and health foods for local people, hotels and restau-

rants. The demand grew to the point where I lelt the need to operate from bigger premises. It was a big step from that to waking up one morning knowing I now had to bake fresh bread for the whole village." Planning constraints mean baking cannot begin

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Using their loaf: Debbie and Jean Sheard outside the village bakery at Lacock, Wiltshire

hefore 7am, so there is an earlymorning scramble to have the first loaves ready for sale at 9am.

While waiting for planning per-mission, Mrs Sheard, who had completed a business studies course, researched professional baking machinery and the quantines of ingredients needed for largescale production. "We went to see a bakery at Safeway's supermarket in Devizes where they were very helpful. We found out that people in

the village yearned for traditional country baking."

Apart from an enterprise allowance during the first year and a three-year interest-free loan from the Royal British Legion to help her to buy ovens and specialist baking equipment - Mrs Sheard is an ex-Wren - working capital has come entirely from her own resources.

Her family also gave her strong support. Paul, her son, discovered some old shelf units which were

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stripped, finished and placed in the shop. Her eldest daughter Jacqui, of the Sheard & Hudson graphics studio in London, designed labels and a sign for the shop. The new bakery opened in February 1992 with Mrs Sheard's youngest daughter. Debbie, helping full-

Home-baked bread is the main product but bread pudding is a big seller and Lacock lardy cakes are also a great favourite, drawing | Melanie Dewitt on 0171-203 1875. customers from miles away.

JOHN NOAKES, former presenter of Blue Peter on BBCl. will head a Department of Trade and Industry advertising campaign to turn inventions into commercial success stories. He will promote this year's Smart awards, to be launched next Monday. Smart awards of up to £45,000 are made to individuals or firms with up to 50 employees to fund the testing of a new techno-logical idea. If the feasibility study is successful, the company can seek further help to develop a prototype under the DTI's Spur scheme. Entry forms for the 1996 awards

are available from Smart 1996, Freepost NT1231. Newcastle upon Tyne X, NE85 2BR.

☐ The final date for entries for the third annual Winning Businesses Awards, run by Securicor Cellular Services and the Federation of Small Businesses, is January 31. Contestants must write in 300 words why they deserve recognition in one of four areas - creative promotions and marketing; customer care; financial policy and innovation. Six regional finalists in each category will receive a cellular phone and an electronic organiser: every category winner will receive £500. The overall winner — Small Business of the Year — will receive £2,000. Details: 01908 696169.

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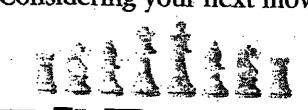
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■ VISUAL ART I

Provocation in bulk: a famous collection of Schiele's work goes on show in Düsseldorf



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Unfashionable virtues and haunting vision are exhibited in Christopher Bramham's show



■ TOMORROW

An image of elitism? The cameras come to Covent Garden as it struggles to justify its millions

In Germany, Richard Cork marvels at a definitive exhibition of Egon Schiele; plus other shows abroad and at home

A short life, but a great one

proved that he was more than an astonishingly precocious talent. But by succumbing to the calamitous Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, he remained eerily faithful to his central obsession as an artist. For the overriding theme of his work. from teenage years through to the ead, is mortality. Schiele was incapable of looking at the human form without becoming anxiously and yet fiercely conscious of extinction.

Far from lapsing into morbidity, he knew how to let this grim preoccupation energise his art. Paradoxically, his awareness of the grave sparked his imagination into life. It ensured that the exhibition of more than 150 paintings, watercolours and drawings at the Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-West-falen in Düsseldorf is fuelled by a swift, assured and often exuberant

For the first time in Europe, the full extent of Rudolf Leopold's legendary Schiele collection is here on display. It adds up to a bracing experience, not least because Leopold has never been afraid to acquire the toughest and most controversial examples of Schiele's prolific output.

Although he discovered his individual outlook at an unusually early age, Schiele owed a large debt to Gustav Klimt. The latter's willingness to simplify and flatten, claiming the right to improvise with colour in an almost musical way. liberated the adolescent Schiele. He introduced himself to Klimt while still a student in Vienna, and benefited hugely from

the older man's encouragement. But if his style was influenced by Klimt, he lost little time in defining his own vision. Klimt rejoiced in the peacock elegance of his impeccably fashionable female sitters. Even his melancholy symbolism becomes decorative, and un-

languorous drawings of the nude. However much he learnt from Klimt's audacity, Schiele looked on the world with a harsher eye.

As early as 1908, his drawing of a naked man viewed from behind stresses emaciation rather than sensuality. Typically, he makes the unknown model bend right over and stare back at us, face upsidedown. The startling informality of

6 Schiele's awareness of the grave sparked his imagination into life 9

the pose is countered by the harshness with which Schiele defines the projecting spine. He always searched for the skeleton beneath the skin, and never relinquished his governing interest in the violence of line.

Never content to let his sitters adopt conventional poses, Schiele asked them to take up ever more arresting attitudes. This insistence sometimes seems unsparing, especially when children are depicted and he discloses their nakedness with alarming frankness.

Schiele's most direct images of juvenile models led to his arrest and imprisonment in 1912, charged with pornographic indecency. But the truth is that he viewed the young with the same astringency he trained on adults.

The two stages of life are powerfully brought together in a series of watercolours called Mother and Daughter, where girl and woman embrace each other so fervently that they seem on the point of fusing into a single ligure. Schiele and alleviates it only with ferocious gashes of scarlet on the mother's lips and cheek.

Moreover, anyone who accuses him of exploiting his models' vulnerability should remember how Schiele scrutinised his own body. Time and again he gazed in the mirror, motivated not only by narcissism but also, more significantly, by an urge to see himself as the quintessence of bare frailty.

Despite the heroic size of his 1910 seated self-portrait, the figure defined there is painfully gaunt. Hip and shoulder bones jut out like sharply pointed rocks from the contours outlined with such abrasive precision on the canvas. Stripped of everything save a meagre coating of flesh. Schiele looks positively flayed as he lurches to the side. With one wiry arm defensively hugging his neck, he seems to anticipate an assault. The bsence of a visible seat accentuates his instability, and the emptiness of the surrounding white space makes him appear utterly isolated.

Even here, at the age of 20, Schiele knew exactly what to leave out. His grasp of pictorial economy often has an oriental flavour, suggesting an intelligent interest in Japanese prints. But the anxiety reflected clearly in his work is unmistakably Viennese, a product of the same fascination with psychological tensions that fired Sigmund Freud's pioneering investigations.

Wherever we look in this relentless show, humanity seems to be in extremis. Self-conscious figures, aware of being watched, claw at the air with talon-like fingers or contort their limbs in positions eloquent of strain and suffering. Sometimes they protest too much: the gestures become melodramatic, and Schiele is guilty of turning disquiet into a mannerism. More often than not, though, his formidable rigour pre-vents the images from sliding towards self-indulgence.



Self-portrait with winter cherries (1912) illustrates the stark focus which Schiele applied to all his depictions of the human form

Take The Hermits, the grandest painting on view here. Schiele, shown full-length, occupies the centre of the canvas. His hollowedout, down-turned face frowns out at us, his black eyes taking on a peculiarly diabolic air. Thorns crown his head, a symbol of suffering so obvious that it could easily have degenerated into self-pity. But the presence of an older. bearded man close behind him. resting his head on Schiele's shoulder as if from terminal fatigue, gives the painting an unexpected tension. So does the decision to

swathe both figures in black robes, lending the picture an austerity that somehow cancels out the threat of overheated emotion-

To judge by the prodigious amount of art he produced, Schiele must have been an exceptionally disciplined and hard-working young man. Admittedly his innate facility helped him to achieve impressive results with the minimum amount of fuss: many of these deft, single-minded drawings look as if they were produced very quickly indeed.

Most of the paintings, though, betray signs of considerable lab-our. Obliterated earlier versions are detectable beneath the final, worried-over layers of pigment, and the deserted townscapes in particular must be the result of

In this respect, Schiele was wellequipped to benefit from a long, industrious career. But before we lament his untimely loss the change in his final phase of work ought to make us pause. Marriage coincided with a softening of both style and outlook. Some of the

great deliberation.

demonic energy seeps out of his art in 1918, and two unfinished paintings of female nudes are surprisingly feeble.
If he had lived, Schiele might

well have become complacent, slick and dull. But death, an unseen yet omnipresent force in all his finest work, made sure that he was never able to betray his youthful brilliance.

● Egon Schiele is at the Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-West-falen, Düsseldorf (0049 211 83 81-0)

in the line of coloured drawings than in the broad

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A question of lights and death

An ancient Spanish church provides a spectacular

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ot so much has changed since pil-grims to Santiago de Compostela were expected to arrive on their knees, clutching their scallop shells. Admittedly the pilgrims now tend to arrive in tour buses, but visually most of the historic centre has been kept intact. And where the modern world has decided to intrude, the intervention is made with taste and enterprise.

The most notable recent example is the new Centro Galego de Arte Contemporanea, which opened last year with an exhibition devoted to the work of its architect, the lashionable and highly imaginative Portuguese, Alvaro

The Centro complex is right on the edge of the conservation area, next to the Gothic church of San Domingos de Bonavel and its adjoining monastery, Galego. From the outside, the

white stone, a huge modern sculpture dropped down on a plinth and just glimpsed from the bottom of a small rise, where the old town effectively ends. As you approach the Centro, it is gradually re-vealed, but what you are mainly aware of is San Domingos straight ahead.

It is therefore obvious at once that something extraordinary is going on in the largely disused church: that something proves to be a new exhibition/installation organised by the Centro, the first of a series which will invite various contemporary artists to do what they will with the spectacular space of the church's

The first artist to make use of this great new resource, added to the other great new resource of the Centro's main building, is Christian Boltanski. The show he has devised is called Advento, which makes

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Anyone who has ever seen a

Boltanski show will expect those faded, period snapshots of children from the 1940s, each with its accompanying illumination suggesting a sort of votive candle. Sure enough, most of the main walls in the vestibule, nave and transepts are scattered with them, this time with the wiring for the lights meandering from unit to unit in such a way that the whole thing evokes one of those medieval wall-paintings of the family of man or the generations of Israel. There are also a couple of partitions made up of that other old Boltanski prop. the rusting biscuit tins which suggest compartments in a cremator-

But look down, and you see something very different. At a glance it suggests Boltanski's notorious marshalling of old clothes, which visitors were requested to carry off for their own uses at the Serpentine recently. But this is much more orderly: overcoats in a variety of cheery colours are laid out over the nave floor in a regular pattern which evokes visions of monks in oblation, facing the altar. (Except that the apse holds no altar, but a clutter of boxes under dust sheets, not even illuminated

after dark.) Boltanski explains that the coats are intended for Sarajevo, and at the close of the show will be transported there in a fleet of cars, one to each car: a concept evidently stronger on symbolism than on practicality. Look right up, and on the ceiling of the north transept there is a shadow-show, à la javanais, of angel shapes cir-

cling the dome. As usual, it is all about death. But, even more, it is about transience, and the way that, if forgetting abolishes. remembering inevitably transforms. In the context of Santia-. go, and specifically of this historic building, the question



Works of art bound for a useful life in Sarajevo: Boltanski's overcoats spread across the nave floor like prostrate monks

Boltanski is quite sanguine about that one: "Don't tell them that what they are looking at is supposed to be art. Never let the word 'art' raise its ugly head." It is just a mysterious, evocative experi-ence that visitors are offered, and what, if anything, they choose to call it is their

n any case, evidently with the Centro in their midst, A consistently pursuing the propagation of the contemporary, the inhabitants of Santiago de Compostela will soon become accustomed to it, even if they are not already. In the Centro itself there is another exhibition -- also conceptual, also visually stunning — called A Possible Landscape by the New York-based Felix Gonzalez-Torres, which again

concerns memory and death,

evoking in a variety of ways, direct and indirect, the materi-

als of the artist's life story and

related illness of his lover. Gonzalez-Torres also spills out over the town, with many strategically placed billboards featuring without explanation

threatening sky. What is impressive about the whole thing is the compliance, even enthusiasm, of the local authorities. Possibly the Centro may be considered fortunate in being able to call for support not only on the Spanish State, but also on the municipality and the autonymous government of Galicia, prominent representatives of which were present at the opening. One fears that an analagous situation in Britain.

 Both shows are at the new Centro Galego de Arte Contem-poranea, Valle Inclan, Santiago de Compostela, Galicia (0034 81-546621) until March

could it exist, would probably

lead to a wholesale passing of

hristopher Bramham is ourist, although perhaps more

great unfashionable virtues which make for artistic longevity. Now in his early forties, he paints mainly urban landscapes, Richmond Park being about as far as he usually ventures out into the wilds, as well as the odd interior and still-life. His colour range is deliberately subdued: the greens are generally greyish, under leaden skies, and if the sun does shine its effect is likely to be bleaching rather than irradiating. Why. then, is there something so haunting about these apparently drab scenes, particularly favouring the small areas of struggling nature hemmed in by railway lines? No doubt it has a lot to do with the sheer intensity of Bramham's vision, his delight at seeing the vegetable world winning through against all odds. Then there is the confident, unobtrusive skill of his craftsmanship, which brings him closest, perhaps, to the Lucian Freud of the Paddington pictures. A quiet talent, but one that

comes through loud and clear.

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Chris Beetles's annual winter shows of originals by British illustrators from the 18th century onwards have become an institution, if not a national treasure. This year the standard is as high as ever. Of course, not all illustrators are to the taste of all collectors, but the sheer variety of art on show is so enormous that only the very hard-to-please could his brooding black-and-white find nothing to interest them. photographs of birds against a The usual favourites are still out in force: Rackham, Heath Robinson and Peake make a good show on their own, before one progresses to the lesser known, but often equally deserving. One contemporary of Rackham who deserves to be much better known is Edmund J. Sullivan (1869-1933), who had the curious distinction of teaching the teenage Hitchcock how to draw and, more importantly, how to go straight for the dramatic point of any composition. The drawings from his brilliant satire The Kaiser's

Garland (1915) indicate a feeling for the macabre which

cannot have gone amiss with

the future creator of Psycho. A

later illustrator who comes out

very well is James Boswell,

whose work instantly inspires a flash nostalgia for the chic and swinging 1960s, while among our own contemporaries Larry establishes a new corner for himself with a series of cartoons in which dogs are inserted into great paintings of the past. Who would have guessed that the infant Jesus in Millais's famous picture of Joseph's workshop looks so miserable because he has just been bitten by the family

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☐ Although hardly ever taken seriously as an artist by serious people, Rowland Hilder was always able to map out his own territory in the English landscape and lay a claim to it that no other could rival. Perhans his most distinctive skill was in the depiction of leafless trees in winter, their elegant tracery picked out against a frosty blue sky. Throughout his long life (1905-1993) he also had a special affinity with the sea and seafarers - he was one of the best illustrators of Treasure Island - and took great delight in the simple flowers of the English countryside, as in his Shell Guide to the subject. He was an eloquent watercolRoyal Academy, just off the main entrance, is one of the lesser-known selling spaces of London. But the present show is well worth seeking out. In a faint echo of the Africa show on in the main galleries, it presents a selection of Kuba raffia textiles, mostly made since 1950, although following a form and tradition which goes back at least to the 17th century. The Kuba are a people of Zaire, and their cloths are mainly woven from palm raffia. The designs are largely geometric, the results is: if one were assured that the designers were trained at the Bauhaus, one

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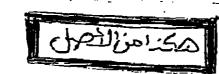
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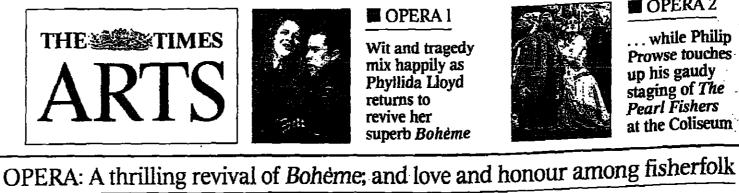
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not another revival of Bohème*, be reminded that this is emphatically not just another Boheme. Phyllida Lloyd's twoyear-old production for Opera North. set in the Paris of the 1950s, was always fresh as paint: she has returned to redirect it with a new young cast and it comes up even fresher.

It is at once brilliantly funny and starkly tragic, and those who imagine they are impervious to all Puccini's little tricks by now should be warned that the end is simply shattering: five young people completely unable to cope with death in their midst. You long for the curtain to descend, but the excellent conductor Jean Yves Ossonce draws the final bars out to near breaking point, and you are spared

But you have had laughs along the way, from a Musetta and Marcello who tend to settle their differences nonverbally and on the floor, a crossdressing Schaunard, amazing acrobatics in the fourth-act dance scene, even a little dig at the Covent Garden Ring (Rodolfo puts a cardboard box over his head). The scene in the Momus coffeebar, its scarlet rexine banquette whirling on a revolve, is a masteroiece of stagecraft: the principals are always visible and audible, and the surrealist treatment of the toy-seller Parpignol brings a nice whiff of Cocteau to

Ossonce is crucial to the evening's success. He achieves ideal balance. stressing the forward-looking delicacy of Puccini's instrumentation rather than its thumping "big tune" roots in early verismo: this means that the singers, none of whom has a huge

La Bohème Grand, Leeds

voice, can project the words easily and when did you last hear every syllable of Schaunard's first-act narra-

The singers also show that they know what these words (in Italian) mean and this, combined with Lloyd's minutely detailed direction, results in a Bohême so concentrated as to keep even the most blasé opera buffs on the edge of their seats.

You may not instantly believe in Tito Beltran's Rodolfo as a melancholy writer - he didn't fool me for a minute, tapping away on his Corona portable - but his portrait of a young Latin lover on the make looks pretty authentic, as authentic as the Italianate ring to his tenor. There's more melancholy to Karl Daymond's Marcello, warmly sung with nicely sustained legato lines. Garry Magee's frisky Schaunard and John Hall's rueful Colline are first-rate. and Eric Roberts makes a memorable landlord straight out of Rising Damp.

Young Margaret Richardson sings Mimi: her soprano is as yet a little white", but she showed proper expansiveness in dealing with Puccini's long lines, sympathetically nursed along by Ossonce. Her cool, serious seamstress was plainly running the relationship. Elena Ferrari's deliciously sparky Musena would run the world, given half a chance. This Bohême is true in every way

true to Puccini, true to life, and richly

Tito Beltran as the young lover Rodolfo, and Margaret Richardson as Mimi in Opera North's Bohème—set in Paris, staged in Leeds Fairy-tale of fate and froth



Nervous start: Elizabeth Woollett

production of The Pearl Fishers carefully over the years, prettifying and simplifying it. He is back for the present revival, and his guiding hand is needed to make sure that oriental gaudy, with pinks and golds predominating and sackfuls of potpourri covering the stage, does not turn into oriental tawdry. He just about succeeds in controlling his own glittery sets for Bizet's thin tale of love and honour among the fisherfolk of Ceylon. But the staging remains a combination

of the bazaar and the bizarre. The latter element is provided by the invented figure of Nemesis - or whoever the Brahman special representative may be on the Sinhalese shores - who stalks the action throughout with her three attendant whirling dervishes.

Prowse could well argue that the opera needs a bit of a boost. It really only springs to dramatic life during the big choral moments, and the ladies

The Pearl Fishers Coliseum

and gentlemen of the ENO, heavily blacked up, are happily on excellent form. But Lady Nemesis does become a bit tiresome before the evening is through. Happily the four principals do not take too much notice of her until the close, when she stands with her knife poised over Zurga's head.

Michael Lewis, despite a cold. made much of the only member of the cast Bizet managed to turn into a flesh-andblood creature. His baritone rang out firm and true in the last act as Zurga meditates on the fate of his rival. Nadir, and eventually does the right thing and allows him to go off with the priestess. Leila. John Hudson's high tenor suits him well as Nadir and, given a little caution at the top, he negotiated the Cavatina with much grace. Hudson and Lewis sang their

after both falling for the same girl (Leila) in far off Kandy, with clear. swaying rhythm.

Elizabeth Woollett, swathed in veils, began nervously as Leila, a part she sang at the last revival. The opening coloratura stretched her, and her duets with her tenor did not strike much warmth. She was at her best in the last act, with the sacrificial pyre just around the corner. Mark Richardson repeated his stentorian Nourabad, promising death to all who flout Hindu

law but ending up a corpse himself. Emmanuel Joel, in the pit, confirmed the excellent impression he made in last season's Don Quichotte. He is a major asset to the ENO's French repertory. letting Bizet's melodies lap out into the theatre. It all makes for a comfortable Radio 2 evening, complete with fairy lights and sparklers, a nice piece of Kandy floss.

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eter Flannery's decision to dish the political dirt in what could be an election year may strike cyffics as a master stroke of timing. But not so. Our Friends in the North, his 11-hour saga of sleaze in British life from the 1960s to the 1990s, has had a long and painful gestation period - 14 years of anget and off-screen drama including, in 1989, threats of resignation by a senior BBC solicitor if the production went ahead, and in 1993 threats of resignation by a senior BBC producer if it did not.

It was in 1982 that BBC's Michael Wearing (then producing Boys from the Blackstuff) commissioned a reluctant Flannery to write a four-part television adaptation of his original stage play. "I didn't believe it would be made," Flannery says. "In 1982 there were more legal difficulties, but time and the grave have taken care of most of them. Just as we were about to roll, Michael Grade was appointed Controller of BBCI with a brief to find popular drama. He found it in EastEnders, and my project was swept off the desk. I was given the impression that I could take my scripts and my nylon T-shirt and bugger off back north."

In 1989, with Flannery's reputation as a television writer established by the likes of Blind Justice. Wearing decided to have another go. Given the green light by Alan Yentob, the current Controller, he

commissioned a second draft, updated and extended to eight episodes. Flannery had reached episode seven when the lawyers asked to see the

scripts.
At that time the BBC had considerable legal problems. In an effort to avoid costly libel actions the lawyers were demanding that ideas be cleared with them;

before they were written. I was told to set the story in a fictional country called Albion, that I mustn't mention Labour, the Tories, Newcastie, or any police rank above superintendent. I said no one would sue me - people had either been in prison and lost their reputations, or they had helped me, or they were dead and that, as it was a fictionalised account, anything I'd written was fair comment. The farce ended with a solicitor saying: 'If this goes into production I will

resign.' So we were stopped. Again."
Flannery wrote to Wearing, warning him never to mention the words Our Friends in the North again, a warning that Wearing chose to disregard. In 1992 it was a case of third time lucky: a third update was commissioned, produced and will soon be on our screens.

lannery in the flesh comes as a surprise. One would take him for a kindly scholar; softly spoken, mild of manner. His belligerence surfaces in his opinions of politicians in general, the Metropolitan Police in particular, 1970s crime correspondents, soap operas and the rise of public relations, "giving gloss instead of content, work experience instead of jobs".

Born in 1951, the son of a Jarrow labourer, Flannery graduated from Manchester University in 1973 with a degree in drama. "I was political only in the way that working-class boys from that area tend to be. You have axes to grind about 'them and us', you are basically disposed towards Labour and you hate the Tories, but it's fairly unthinking, it's in the blood, so to say. I wasn't and never have been a member of any political

Our Friends in the North was first commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1981. Its essence,

then and now, lies in the develop-ment of four personal relationships, the idea born of Flannery's need to explore a question that intrigued him - why was his parents' generation in the North East so apathetic and cynical? "I perceived the possibility of political change, they saw it as an impossibility, offering as evidence corruption in the 1970s — golden handshakes, vice scandals, Poulson, T. Dan Smith, the unacceptable face

"I rang Smith and said I wanted to write a play about apathy, decay and corruption in British politics. 'Ah', he said, there is a play here of Shakespearean proportions." Tolstoy-esque, more like: Our Friends, as filmed by the BBC, uses 160 named characters and 3,000 extras, and is the biggest contemporary serial ever produced by BBC 2. Smith led Flannery to examine

alleged corruption in the police force.
"I found the stories overlapping, the same people were involved." Conversations with Frank Williamson, the first outsider to head an inquiry into alleged Metropolitan Police corruption, revealed a similar tale. "Most of those involved were never charged, their defence was always that they had worked entirely in the public interest, just as T. Dan had maintained regarding the housing scandals.

According to Flannery, William-son's report to Regi-nald Maudling, the then Home Secretary, was wholly damning. "He believed there was systematic corruption both in the Met and the CID. The report was returned to him within two hours, without comment. He never received an acknowledgement and he resigned. What Wil-liamson didn't know was that at that time

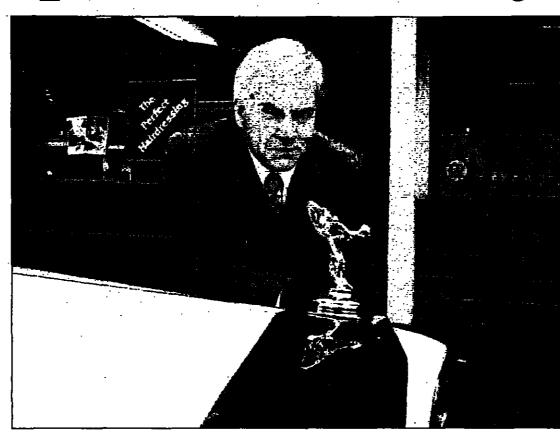
the Met was investigating Poulson, and who was chairman of Poulson's company at the time bribes were handed out? Maudling. Some of the people who were detective sergeants and inspectors in the late Sixties and Seventies are now men of more senior rank."

The update to 1995 means that the story now ends as it begins, with a new-model Labour Party and a bright new Labour leader. "Life's a circle," Flannery says. "Regimes come and go, but lies and betrayals go on for ever. There has always been corruption in politics; all that was different about the Sixties was that because of some good campaigning journalism some of the scandals were brought out into the open.

"I've moved from being an angry young political writer to a much more confused political animal who now sees the value in writing about relationships. We live in an ongoing culture of corruption. Friends in the North is the story of people who tried to do something about it, and failed. It may be a Utopian ideal, but we must keep trying because the drift is always in the other direction. Corruption breeds corruption. I'd love to believe that a Labour victory would start a clean-up in politics, but I'm afraid they'll be trapped by the very institutions that support them.

"I dread the prospect of Tony Blair gradually disappearing into himself at the end of the century, having to come out with the same compromises and half-truths in order to defend the system that supports him. In many he had this boundless optimism that he could change the world. His last words to me before he died are worth remembering - Tomorrow is too

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Fine view from a double-decker

two each evening, are the basis of the Park Lane Group's Young Artists Series, which annually gives a kick-start to the new year's music. Not only do they bring forward much of the best new classical talent around, but the artists are heard mostly in music by composers of their

own generation. So it was with both the first night programmes, the later of which boldly juxtaposed a saxophone quartet with a solo marimba played by Colin Boyle. Mellower than its near-relation the xylophone, the marimba demands a skilled echnique if it is not to sound unduly monochromatic, and this Boyle supplied in abundance in his four-hammer attack on the American Jacob Druckman's Debussy tribute, Reflections on the Nature of Water, and the desert landscape evocation of Piers Hellaweli's Takla Makan.

Boyle, a Scotsman, also has a vivid control of dynamics down to a whisper-soft pianissimo, which he further demonstrated in a nicely varied Prelude, Meditation and Toccata by Matthew Taylor, and in another Debussy tribute, After Syrinx II by Richard Rodney Bennett, where the variations on the original flute writing have been cleverly converted into new material to take the marimba repertory one step wider.

Bennett also added richness o saxophone music with his Saxophone Quartet (1994). played here with beguiling assurance by the three women and one man who call themselves Saxploitation. As well **PLG Young Artists** Purcell Room

as exploiting the timbre of each member of the sax family from soprano to baritone, its ensemble writing is superbly crafted. The quartet was also heard in Don Javi, an ebul-lient character portrait by Oscar Bettison, and in Six of the Bestiary, a wittily allusive carnival of some other ani-mals by Anthony Gilbert Gilbert's third String Quar-

tet was a centrepiece of the early evening programme by the Nossek String Quartet. four women, including Jane Nossek as first violin, who are now on the staff of Manches-ter's Royal Northern College of Music. Their youthful ac-complishment was evident in the crisp attack and balanced ensemble they brought to the work, a rhythmic drone imitating the hurdy-gurdy underpinning fragments of a theme worked over from a 14th-century hocket by Guillaume de Machaut.

Most impressive in this programme. however, was The Still Dancers by Piers Hellawell, three pieces designed to be played consecutively or separately, and here deployed as prelude, inter-lude, and postlude, to the other works. Each one had an unusual degree of imaginative enchantment, to which the lightly sprung figuration of the players contributed much. as did a more assertive style to a trenchantly written String Quartet by Paul Newland.

NOEL GOODWIN

Erratic cycle path

n Friday and Saturday nights at the Wigmore Hall, the Lindsay Quartet progressed to the halfway point in their Beethoven cycle. The technical accomplishment of the Lindsays is considerable, yet it cannot be taken for granted. Whether one looks back to great ensem-bles of the past (the Amadeus spring to mind) or sideways at quartets of the new generation (the Skampa and the Brindisi, to name just two), the comparison is not flattering on a technical level. A performance from the Lindsays comes complete with rough edges, occa-sional wayward tuning (most noticeably from the leader.

Peter Cropper) and even a sense of detachment. Op 18 No 2, opening Fri-day's concert, exemplified this lack of polish, and although Op 127 in E Flat Major featured some powerfully conceived playing, it was let down by momentary lapses of concentration and a curious air of disengagement. When they get into their stride, however, the Lindsays are capable of extraordinary things. The first Razumovsky quartet. Op 59 No l, brought the finest playing in Friday's concert. The opening movement, with its surging main theme and coursing repeated quavers in the accompaniment, built up

to a tidal flow. The scherzando element of the second movement was projected not by a skittish. lightweight treatment of the staccato, but with intimations of a darker side. The discordant outburst, when it came. was trenchant, making the Lindsay Quartet Wigmore Hall

move into the distant B major all the sweeter. The exotic quality of passages like this. strongly coloured by the vibrant playing of Cropper. is one of the Lindsays' most characteristic and attractive features.

The Adagio was a glorious lyrical effusion, shot through with minor-key intensity. The wonderful series of dialogues. beginning with first violin and cello stretching out in opposite directions, launched things on to a higher plane, and the move to D flat major brought with it a serene glow.

Saturday's concert was a more consistent affair, with thoroughly engaging accounts of further early (Op 18 No 3 in D), middle (Op 95 in F Minor) and late (Op 130 in B Flat) works. The homogeneity and thematic interplay of Op 18 No 3 were a delight, as was the intensity in the outer move-ments of Op 95 (Serioso).

If the progress of the late B Flat Quartet was a touch more erratic, that is in the nature of the piece. Beethoven's repeat-ed dislocations of tempo and rhythm do not make for easy listening, but the Lindsays held our attention with the quiet authority and integrity of

their playing.

Op 130 can be heard again, this time with the Grosse Fuge as finale, in Wednesday's concert, but tickets are virtually impossible to come by.

BARRY MILLINGTON

David Sinclair wonders if it is healthy for a small clique of bands to win a disproportionate number of awards

The mood was buoyant yesterday, when the organisers of the Brit Awards announced the nominations for this year's event. The chairman of the awards. Paul Burger, said the nominations reflected the renaissance of British music in 1995". and predicted that the event (which is being staged this year for the first time at Earls Court, on February 19) would be the best vet.

David Bowie, who will receive the Outstanding Contribution award, was confirmed as the only artist so far booked to perform at the event. But Malcolm Gerrie, producer of the 90-minute TV show which will be screened on ITV the following night, declined to comment on speculation that Michael Jackson and Robson & Jerome - none of whom received nominations would nevertheless be invited

Britpop will dominate Brits To gauge the extent of that Oasis, Pulp and (slightly more all, if the aim is to celebrate renaissance" it is worth resurprisingly) Radiohead — and promote the British music

have established a virtual

stranglehold in every category

for which they are eligible: Best British Group, Album,

Producer, Video and Single.

"renaissance" it is worth remembering that when Bhur swept the board at last year's Brits, winning four awards and leaving Oasis to console themselves with a trophy for Best British Newcomer, the mass of the British public hardly knew who either of these young groups were. Most newspapers illustrated the event with a picture of Madonna, an American who had not actually won anything. A year later, those same groups are so familiar that the event is beginning to look like an exercise in rounding up the Predictably, this year's

nominations confirm the dom-

ination of the so-called Britpop

bands, Four acts - Blur.

Supergrass are nominated in three categories (Newcomer. Video and Single) and apart from Tricky, the Best British Newcomers are all Britpop favourites — Black Grape, Supergrass, Elastica and Cast. It is hard to think what could be better news for the Brits than the arrival of Britpop. A vindication of everything the awards stand for, even the name "Britpop".

spontaneously coined some-

time last summer, could have

been tailor-made to boister the

credibility of the event. After

industry it helps to have something appealing, timely and genuinely successful to celebrate. The NME's Brat awards - the supposed antiestablishment alternative to the "moribund" Brits - features an almost identical lineup in most of its nominations, also announced last week.

But the concentration on this small clique of acts rather begs the question of what is going on elsewhere in our music industry, and whether Britpop is now commanding a disproportionate amount of media attention and music industry resources. Take That are nominated for Best Video and Best Single, but otherwise the teeny bands have been

Internationally, the Best Female Solo Artist is one of the completely wiped out. And did livelier categories with the none of the shortlisted British stylish Bjork, k.d. lang and dance acts — Eternal, Leftfield, Massive Attack, M Alanis Morissette facing heavyweight opposition in the People and Tricky - or solo slender shapes of Mariah acts (with the single exception Carey and Celine Dion. And it

of the Britpop-affiliated Paul

ble ladies as Shirley Bassey,

Elaine Paige and Olivia New-

ton-John. The eventual

shortlist of P.J. Harvey, Annie

Lennox, Vanessa Mae, Shara

Nelson and Joan Armatrading

is encouraging to see the (comparatively) fresh faces of Weller) make an album wor-thy of inclusion in the Best Foo Fighters, Garbage and Album list? It seems not. Morissette all nominated in The paucity of British fetwo categories. male solo acts this year is especially noticeable. There were only about a dozen who were even eligible, having released an album during the appropriate period, and those that are include such venera-

OTHER NOMINEES: Best British Male Solo Artist: Edwyn Collins, Van Morrison, Jimmy Nail, Tricky, Paul Weller. Best International Male Solo Artist: Coolio, Lenny Kravitz, Meat Loaf, Prince, Neil Young. Best Soundtrack: Batman Forever, Braveheart. Muriel's Wedding, Natural Born Killers. Waiting to Exhale.

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aula Davies wonders about the wisdom of using private firms to help at court

Security plc: is this the best way to go?

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Consecurity is an importampect for magistrates, who wd take a dim view of chairs ng thrown at them by angdefendants. Under Section of the Act, the powersd duties of security officers lude being empowered toearch any person who is ir is seeking to enter the course and any article in the session of such a

They a also exclude or remove in the courthouse any pen who refuses to permit h a search. And they are powered to exclude or remony person where it is "reasoly necessary to do so in orco maintain order. to enablurt business to be carried without interference or ty or to secure his or any or person's safety". If neary, "reasonable force" mae used.

Accord to Peter Badge, the Chieftropolitan Magistrate, thuse of civilians instead the police in the adult comas been working better th people expected.

Most ordinary magistrates, however, find the situation far less comfortable than when

the police were in charge.

As one of my colleagues remarked: "The police would never have let a boy come into court without a shirt, as happened recently, nor would they have had to handcuff two lads. Yet civilian security officers cannot possibly have the antennae for trouble that the po-lice have developed over the years. And the new officers lack the background knowledge and general ability to manage a difficult waiting room, which is particularly common to the youth courts. They need training, time and

Training for these court security officers in inner London, however, has been extended from two to three days to promote "interpersonal skills", as well as training in the Act itself The heavy-handed phrase covers

the vital necessity

of treating people

with respect and

kindness - par-

ticularly impor-

tant when dealing with youngsters and their parents in the often volatile atmosphere of the youth courts. Apparently, the training does not differentiate between the adult and youth courts, which may explain some of the problems associated with dealing with the socalled supporters clubs in youth court waiting rooms. Fortunately, as officers gain in

experience, this seems to have

been resolved.

training for the prison escort clerks believe that a security one as that of the security ficers. There has, however. also been criticism of escort officers for failing to prevent young lads from "doing a runner" - absconding from the courthouse. Yet such escapes also occurred when the police were in charge. And it was not entirely clear at the start of the exercise whether civilian security officers had the power to restrain people from leaving. This has now been clarified; and everyone agrees they can.

According to a regional director of one security firm, there is also a grey area concerning arresting someone who is causing a disturbance within the court itself. Most



French jury system may be restricted

ADAM SAGE

The most important reform of the French criminal courts for 200 years has prompted a serious debate with the system. Lawyers, magistrates and academics agree that there is a problem but they cannot agree on the right solution.

Told by the overwhelming majority of the profession that the Cours d'assises - the courts that try such serious crimes as murder, rape and robbery — are outdated and unpopular, the country's Gaullist-led Government said in July that it would introduce a

much-needed overhaul. But the resulting Bill, which was outlined in a consultative document this autumn and is now going through Parliament, has sparked fierce controversy, with opponents claiming that it will restrict, if not abolish, the role of the jury.

Under the present system, set up during the heady days of the French Revolution in 1789, crimes of violence are tried at the Cours d'assises by nine jurors sitting with three judges. They decide on the verdict and the sentence but are not asked for a written judgment. Less serious crimes, such as theft, are tried by three judges alone in the Tribunaux correctionnels.

The debate is over the future of the Cours d'assises, the one court where a jury is used. Few commentators have dared to question the theory behind such jury trials, but, in recent years, they have been increasingly prone

to criticise a system that they feel does not always work on an equal basis throughout France, and is also out of step with many other European countries.

Lawyers say that in different parts of the country jurors hand down widely differing sentences for the same crimes. Thus, in the South of France, rape is punished far more severely than in the North. An arsonist, on the other hand, is likely to fare better in Provence than in Normandy. None of this, critics say, would be of much importance if an appeal were possible. But, except in rare cases, it is

As in England, a verdict can be quashed only on a point of law or if new evidence comes to light. Yet, unlike England, there is no way of appealing against a sentence that appears particularly severe or lenient. "The jury is perceived as a manifestation of popular sovereignty and consequently it is felt that a decision reached by a jury should not be lightly interfered with," says a government briefing document on its legal system.

However, lawyers point out that defendants in a Tribunal correctionnel, being tried for less serious offences and without a jury, do have an automatic right of appeal. "We have a system that is twisted," says Antoine Garapon, general secretary of the Institute of Superior Justice Studies in Paris. "It is

He added that the Government's reforms were all the more urgent because the European Court of Human Rights has made it clear that defendants facing a heavy sentence should be given the possibility of a

Attempts by Jacques Toubon, the Minister of Justice, to deal with these complaints in his Bill has only created more conflict. Under his reforms a new court will be created, called the Tribunal criminel départemental, where three judges will sit alongside two citizen-assessors. who will play a role similar to lay magistrates

in England. The new court will hand down a full written judgment, which will be open to appeal by either the prosecutor or the defendant. The Cours d'assises will be transformed into a court which will hear only appeal cases. For M Toubon, the advan-

tages of his system are many. inconsistencies in sentencing should be eliminated, defendants facing serious charges will be given the same right to appeal as those accused of more minor charges, and the excessively long delays in bringing cases to court, often three or four years, should be reduced.

"All defendants who are appealing will be able, if they so desire, to opt for trial by jury, and in that case it will be the jury which

Many lawyers, however, are not so sure about these advantages. M Garapon says that, in practice, only about 10 per cent of cases would go to appeal, with the result that trial by jury would be very restricted.

"A lot of defendants simply want to get it over with. For example, about a third of the

will have the last word," the Justice Ministry

cases in the present Cours d'assises concern sexual abuse and, for the accused, the trial is an ordeal which they will not want to go through again."

ean-Claude Bouvier, general secretary of the Magistrates' Union, said that even where defendants did appeal, "the weight of the first decision will have enormous importance. The chances are that at the appeal the original sentence will be confirmed. The result will be to slim down the role of the jury."

Despite all these complaints, M Toubon says he will press ahead with his proposals, although he may introduce minor modifications. "These reforms," he said recently, "will reinforce the role of the jury."

Brder dpute

A BITTEross-border clash has takence between Tony Hollande former Law Society pdent, and Robin de WildrC, a founder of The Six the grassroots movemest greater democracy at than

The die has unfolded in the pagof Counsel, the Bar's joil. First into the frav was de Wilde. In an article inober extolling the virtues dartin Mears, the Law Soy president, he accused e Law Society Council etraying its members "onry issue".

In a lein the latest issue, rebuttine allegation, Mr Holland's the article is so full of is "it is hard to know we to start. It took me somme to realise that he was ninely referring to what herceived to be real events.~ de Wilde claims the lettdemonstrates why Mr Ma Mears was elected

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by the membership". He concludes: "Perhans I might be allowed to agree that Mr Holland's decision to resign from the Council of the Law Society, is, as he puts it, 'one of his best decisions'."

Hot night

PARTIES usually generate a lot of noise but, just before Christmas, the first birthday party for FT Law & Tax, the publisher, generated legal more than most. It combined its party with a celebration of 100 years publishing its leading work, Emmet on Title. But the 101 candles on the black and pink iced cake set off the fire alarms.

To add to the confusion, latecomers were left out in the cold as the doors to the Financial Times's Southwark Bridge offices automatically locked to prevent anyone entering. Production on the FT almost came to a halt as journalists were just stopped from running for the fire exits.

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not do, however, is make an

arrest in matters other than

contempt of court. The police

have to be called in to make

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court" if asked.

Street cred A POCKET guide to "street"

law for school leavers was launched yesterday. The Young Citizen's Passport (99p) from the Citizenship Foundation gives practical advice on every aspect of the law encountered by young adults, from parties to land-lords, motorbikes to credit and tax. A free copy has been sent to secondary schools and sixth-form colleges. Details: Tony Thorpe (0171-236 2171).

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A few courts have decided to

appoint their own security

staff on the grounds that this

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that the security people will

know what is expected of them and have the advantage of

knowing all the staff mem-

bers, making - it is hoped for a smoother-running court.

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central London. If so, they are

doing a remarkable job.

• The author is a magistrate.

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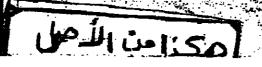
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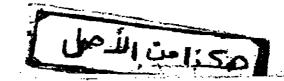
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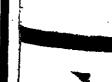
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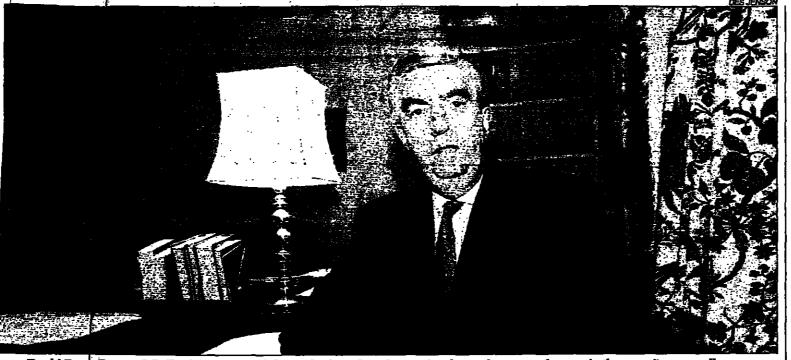
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David Peny-Davey, QC: "He is strict, has high standards and works very hard - and expects others to do the same," says a colleague

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Mr Penry-Davly - DPD to olleagues and frends - is a riminal practitioner from the profession's ranks. Like most of the Criminal far, his work is chiefly legal aft; much of it nutside London on the circuits. So he brings personal knowledge of the criminal justice system and the proposed reforms on which the Bar intends to tackle the Govern-

In style and experience, therefore, he could not be. more of a contrast to his predecessor, Peer Goldsmith. QC, a smooth-pagued, exacting commercial silk who led an unremitting and intense campaign to modernise the Bar. Mr Penry-Davey's own head of chambers. Anthony Scrivener, QC — himself a former Bar chairman — says of his colleague "David is a good all-round advocate. His strength is that he actually

David Penry-Davey, QC, is the new chairman of the Bar. Frances Gibb asks him his plans

mixes with the people on the circuit he represents. He will make an excellent leader he's very popular, particularly with the Criminal Bar. He knows what's going on."

But if anyone thought Mr Penry-Davey's year would be one of steady consolidation, they were wrong. Since his inaugural speech last month to the Bar Council, the 90strong governing body of the profession, he has laid down a series of markers: legal aid. Lord Woolf's reforms on civil justice, criminal justice policies, the Bar's own plans for a complaints system . . .

ore significantly, he has lined up the Bar in clear ▼ ▲ opposition to the Government over its sentencing plans, to be outlined soon in a White Paper. In an attack on government sentencng policies, he says minimum entences would destroy the Government's own incentives o criminals to plead guilty in he shape of sentence discounts. "What incentives will there be," he says, "for any-body who might become liable to a minimum sentence to plead guilty?"

He also attacked the Home Secretary's method of formuiating policy by announcement to the Tory party conference", then implemented in hastily drafted legislation.

The Bar, he says, has been subject to "Criminal Justice Acts raining down on us like confetti, and swings in sen-tencing policy". First, courts were told only to jail offenders when strictly necessary and then for as short a time as possible, he says.

"Now," he adds. "it appears that judges are being told to do exactly the opposite — and we have the Tory party chairman [Brian Mawhinney] encouraging individuals to write in to say what they think of judges' sentences", an approach he "wholly deprecates" Mr Penry-Davey has delivered a similar attack on the Lord Chancellor's proposed reforms for the legal aid scheme.

scheme involves abandoning self-regulation. "If we throw this modest scheme out, we send to the outside world the message that we are not prepared to regulate ourselves. And if we don't, somebody else will, perhaps in a way we find much more unpleasant."

Not that Mr Penry-Dayey is

particularly radical. A col-league describes him as a "free

thinker" from a strong Tory

background; his solicitor-

father, whom he regrets did

not live to see him become

leader of the Southeastern

Circuit (he held the post from

1992 to 1995), was a staunch

Martin Hart, his senior clerk,

says: "He is very strict on

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never gets involved with their

personal side and has high

standards. He works hard,

and expects others to do the

same." In terms of Bar poli-

cies, he will pursue current

initiatives. Formerly Bar vice-

chairman, Mr Penry-Davey

backs the proposals for a com-

plaints system — proposals opposed, ironically, by some within the Criminal Bar. He

rejects the claim that the

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ties. Mr Penry-

Davey is a natu-

ral conservative;

local Conservative.

Mr Penry-Davey's other concerns include the need for barristers to be trained in advocacy. As circuit leader, he set up a residential advocacy course and a sponsorship scheme for trainee barristers to go to America for training.

Outside the Bar, he is a family man. He and his wife, a drama teacher, live in Dulwich, south London, and have three children. He enjoys golf. music and fell-walking.

He is aware that many barristers regard "bringing up a family and earning a living" as more important than Bar Council matters. And he accepts that there is a limit to the impact one individual can have in one year as leader. But in that time he is determined, as he puts it, that

"its voice will be heard". He says: "If we can leave the profession in good shape at the end of 1996. I shall be content."

Time for a limited move offshore?

Lawyers worried about their homes and

cars are considering new options

night? Partners in professional firms were given uneasy dreams by last month's High Court judg-ment in the ADT case which, subject to an appeal, may mean personal bills of hundreds of thousands of pounds for Binder Hamlyn partners.

What happens to accountants today normally affects lawyers tomorrow. The case has highlighted the fact that "unlimited" liability" means exactly what it says: that lawyers can face huge payouts

when negligence is proved against them. Lawyers agree that some protection is necessary. Graham New, Shoosmiths & Harrison's managing partner, looking at this issue. and we are shadowing what the ac-

In fact, the accountants are already demanding reform of the law on "joint and several liability" and the right to restrict their liability on audits by contract. In due course. lawyers may ask for

countants doing.

an equivalent form of shelter. For the present, however, most top law firms have been undertaking rapid reviews of their insurance cover. As Peter Cole, the managing partner at Eversheds, says: "We live in a culture in which suing one's professional advisers seems to be increasingly attractive."

Among the top 20 firms, the current spread of cover is, for some, as low as £75 million; for others, £250 million. The average seems to be £125 million. The significance of this has been borne out in "beauty parades". Lawyers pitching for work are sometimes asked about their level of professional indemnity cover. Some managing partners would like to have agreements with clients that the level of cover would also represent their level of exposure. John Heller of Hammond Suddards says: "I'd like to see a limited liability built into agreements. Our clients limit their liability; I don't see why we should not do the same.

John Trotter, one of the professional indemnity specialists at Lovell White Durrant. has recently looked at this issue on an international basis. His view is that the scale of some transactions may now be so large that they simply

Peter Cole: suing can seem too attractive: Julia Chain: followed Andersen's experience

cannot be covered by insurance. Lawyers might have no option but to confront clients with the facts of the limits of a law firm's resources when it comes to being sued.

The problem is that whichever firm pioneered such an approach might put itself at a competitive disadvantage. To be effective, the move would require concerted action by the top 50 firms - an unlikely prospect. The next best step might be the setting-up of a limited-liability partnership offshore — probably in Jersey. Many accountants are already considering this possibility. But Nigel Knowles, of Dibb Lupton, is sceptical about whether it would work because he thinks judges

route already adopted by some accountants, however, is incorporation. This does not protect the firm but it removes the homes and cars of individual partners from the firing line. Mr Knowles says that his firm is already seriously con-

sidering incorporation.
He says: There are many compelling reasons for a law firm like ours to incorporate for example, to spread ownership, to provide a better remuneration system and have a better structure for managing

the business. There would also be the advantage of protecting individual partners — but that would not be the main motive."

Ultimately, however, many lawyers believe that quality systems and risk assessment are the best ways of cutting down

Shoosmiths & Harrison is the biggest firm in the country to have the ISO 9001 "quality" stan-dard and Mr New regards this as a key part of protecting the parmership.

Meanwhile, Julia Chain, managing partner at Garrett & Co. says that when she developed her systems, she borrowed heavily from Arthur Andersen, the accountancy firm with which Garrett & Co is associated. She adds: "We followed Arthur Andersen's experience in order to build the most rigorous system available."

In the end, however, there is no infallible system. Lawyers are prepared to live with risk so long as it is at a sensible level. The idea is that one should be able to sleep at night," says Mr Heller, whose fervent dream is that a nightmare claim will never happen

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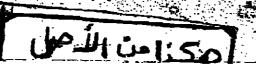
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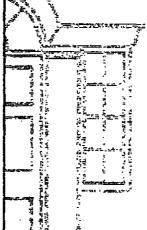
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Briton warned to speed up as O'Meara coasts to three-shot triumph

Faldo delighted to settle for second

AN UPBEAT Nek Faldo shrugged off a wrining for slow play after a splendid, but vain, attempt to win the Mercedes Champonship at La Costa, here on lunday.

He was too eurhoric over his fine form to be converged.

his fine form to b concerned at criticism from his playing partner, Mark O deara, who steadfastly defended a four-shot overnight lad to beat Faldo into second place by a three-stroke makin in the curtain-raiser to he 1996 US

Faldo was elighted at making such a promising start to the sason, with rounds of 70, 61, 68 and 67 giving him reneved hope that he can reassert imself on the American circuits of lauret. American circuitand launch a worthwhile chalenge for the four major championships.

The only sour note in an encouraging stat to his campaign was Florida-based O'Meara's refual to accept any blame after the pair. playing in the lat group in the final round, were ordered to increase their race of play in the interests if making a

television deadline.
They had fallin a hole and a half behind the group ahead when they reached a critical stage in the showdown and both players were told to more faster at the 10th hole, where Faldo chipped in from 20 feet to cut his deficit to two shot. "It upset me," the 38-year-old British golfer said, after finis ing on a 14-under-par 27.
The official said we were five

Sampras: virus

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minutes behind schedule and had to move faster.

We had the biggest gallery

on the course. It is never easy to play quickly when you are in the last group. We made up a minute on each of the next three holes, Mark and I had four birdies between us over that stretch and you cannot play any faster than that. Then we were told they were putting the clock on us and that's the last thing you need in such a tense situation."

They were warned on two other occasions and Faldo, who made his feelings known to officials before accepting a cheque worth \$88,000 (about

£57,000) for sharing second place with Scott Hoch, of the United States, said: "It was completely unnecessary. If we had been left alone, we would have made up the time over the next two holes anyway."

O'Meara, who completed his eleventh Tour win with a closing 68, pointed the finger of blame at his rival, telling the tournament director. "If we are playing slowly, it has nothing to do with me. Slow play isn't a problem with my game. Nick said he was running but I was watching Faldo and thinking to myself: Why do you stand over the ball so long before hitting it?"

The penalty for slow play is one stroke and that was never

PETE SAMPRAS, the world No I, is

struggling to be fit for the Australian

Open tennis championship next week.

ampras withdrew yesterday from the

Kooyong Classic, which starts in

Melbourne tomorrow, because of a

"Pete is very ill with the virus," a

Kooyong Classic tournament spokes-

woman said yesterday. "He has been

advised not to travel to Australia while

he is ill." With the opening grand slam

event of the year getting underway at Flinders Park in Melbourne on Mon-

day, it does not allow Sampras much

likely to be applied, with officials reluctant to tarnish the occasion. While the gener-al concern is laudable, Faldo and O'Meara completed the final round with eight minutes to spare before national television went off the air.

Faldo said: "I am not com-

plaining because so many good things happened for me this week. I feel ready for a successful season after such an encouraging start. I improved my score every day and to have a 67 under pressure in the first event of the year has got to be good. I was particularly pleased with my driving — I only missed four fairways in 72 holes." He had an eagle and five

birdies with the title tilting towards O'Meara at the 11th, a testing 180-yard par three, where the British golfer's teeshot finished four feet from the pin, with his rival eight yards away. The American holed his butt, while Faldo, clearly rattled by the slow play distrac-

Faldo said: "That was the turning point. I expected to get within a shot of Mark and that would have put the pressure on him. Instead I lost a stroke and there was very little I could do after that."

He will take a three-week break before returning in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the Buick Invitational here and will then prepare for the Masters in April by playing five tournaments in Florida.

the tournament.



Faldo celebrates after his successful birdie chip on the 10th hole at La Costa

"It's nice to be healthy again, feeling ready, and to start off here is a good

feeling for me," he said. "I had never

played here until last year and it's nice

to know that when I've been away

from the game, I can come back to

"Needless to say, my energy level is high," he said. "I've been away for a

bit, so you are always enthusiastic to

get back." Agassi's chest injury ruled

him out of the Davis Cup final against

Russia in Moscow last month, and he

said lack of match fitness was his

where I'm treated so

Masterly Haynes brings England down to earth

embarrassing. England, with hopes high after a big victory in their first match of the World Masters Cricket series here, hit the deck with a resounding wallop yesterday when they were put to flight by a West Indies side that grows

stronger with every match. England's team of over-35s had one short spell in the field making a game of it, taking three wickets for 14 runs in mid-innings. It could not last, and did not, and West Indies, under the stewardship of Desmond Haynes, whose 125 not out won him the man-of-thematch award, duly won by five wickets with 23 balls to

It has become something of a pattern in this series that the bat has dominated to a remarkable extent over the ball, and this game continued the sequence. The dominant fig-ures in the match were all using timber, not leather. The bowlers? Well, with the honourable exceptions of Mal-colm Marshall and John Emburey, they set the ball in motion, and not much more.

Haynes's hundred was his second crucial act of the piece. His first had been winning the toss and putting England in. Marshall, once the scourge of English batsmen in county and Test cricket, is completely shorn of hair these days, but he has not had his talent shaved away. Bowling at a less furious pace than in his pomp but making up for it with lateral movement either way off the seam, he did not take a wicket but, in a frugal spell, made sure that England would have to take risks in the middle of the innings.

tournament without playing an event for a few months," he said. "But I England had scored only 62 runs off 127 balls when they lost their third wicket, but recovered, and then some. Gatting, whose bat was making that lovely thunk that denotes that man and willow are in perfect harmony, found an able lieutenant in the person of Paul Terry. They put not match the unseeded Australian's on 154 runs in 22.1 overs, but the feeling at the close was that England could have done with another 25 runs. In an incident-packed first over from Peter Hartley, Haynes hit a six, a four and offered one murderously difficult chance to Gatting at mid-wicket. Who pened had the England cap-tain held the catch?

With Richards at his swaggering, strutting best, Haynes wicket and, by the time they were separated, the match was all but won and lost. England take on India today and, even if they win, they look likely to have to rely on the arcane calculation of run-rates for them to progress. Not that they will object, a final is a final is a final.

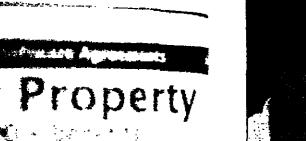
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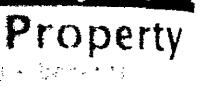


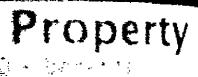
Haynes: fine hundred

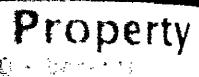
☐ Brian Lara will not be playing county cricket next season after Warwickshire yesterday opted not to re-sign him. Lara had originally asked to be released from his three-year contract with the Britannic Assurance champions, claiming he was exhausted, but had since changed his mind and had said he would be prepared to play.

Warwickshire are now interested in signing Shaun Pollock, the South Africa fast bowler. Jonathan Barnett. Lara's agent, said a gentleman's agreement meant Lara would not play for another

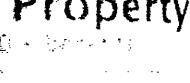


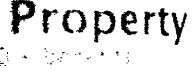


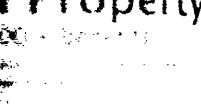






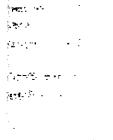


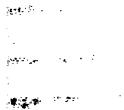


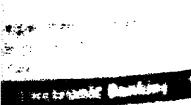


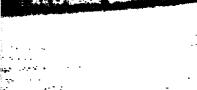


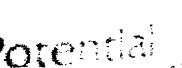


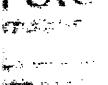
















































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O'Sullivan on way back after change of attitude

BY PHIL YATES

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, enjoying the afterglow of his success in the Liverpool Victoria Charity Challenge at the weekend, refuted the suggestion that a lack of dedication had been responsible for his

dismal start to the season. There was a school of thought that said O'Sullivan, who, at 17, became world-ranking tournament when he prevailed in the 1993 United Kingdom championship, had neglected practice because of

a growing complacency.
"It was nothing to do with preparation; it was something wrong up-stairs," O'Sullivan said, after beating John Higgins 9-6 to win a £30,000 prize, earn £100,000 for the National Deaf Children's Society and collect his first trophy since the Benson and Hedges Masters 11

months ago.
"I found it hard to focus on one single thing but someone who I consider to be a good friend told me I had to start concentrating all my attention on snooker." O'Sullivan, who has slipped from third to seventh in the provisional world rankings since September, said.

His problem was a bad attitude. He gave opponents scant respect but, in the Charity Challenge. while still playing with aggression, he curbed the tendency to pot on sight. By creating scoring opportunities rather than trying to force them, his breakbuilding became more

"I didn't play like that, intentionally, at the start of the season but I realise now that everyone in this game is capable of beating anyone else and I've learnt experience. O'Sullivan, a first-round casualty in the Thailand C. SKOQA GTABQ PTD

and German Open, said. Despite his defeat, Higgins, who eliminated Stephen Hendry. Jimmy White and Peter Ebdon. confirmed his status as one of the toughest players in the game.

Liberian receives global accolade despite dubious European Cup display

Forgive or forget in Weah's world

he great and the good of football gathered in Mi-George Oppong Weah as the finest player on earth. Already voted African footballer of 1995 and the first non-European to receive the golden ball as player of the year in Europe, he was handed the Fifa world player award at a gala celebrating 100 years of the sports newspaper, Gazzetta dello

Unfortunately, Weah could not stay long enough to drink his own health. He had a plane to catch, to Johannesburg, where he will lead his nation, the small, war-ridden West African country of Liberia. in its first significant tournament, the African Nations Cup. which starts on

Saturday. How the Africans need him. The Nations Cup is already under a political cloud with the confirmation that Nigeria will not defend the championship after a call by Nelson Mandela, the president of South Africa, for sanctions against the country after the execution of nine dissidents last November.

As ever, sport and politics are inseparable. But can the many who gave so much acclaim — and, last night, the voters were the national team managers round the globe all be wrong. In terms of skill, Africa's contribution to the international game, its production of creative ball-players and goalscorers, is more than

However, I would not have given Weah my vote because of something that happened during the semi-final of the European Cup between AC Milan and Paris Saint-Germain on April 19 last year.

That night, among a crowd of 74,000 at the San Siro, I suspected that Weah was wearing the wrong colours. He was representing Paris. but before the game had



ROB HUGHES

Overseas Football

signed a contract effectively to defect to the opposition to Milan, whom he joined in the

Predictably, Paris were beaten: sadly, Weah per-formed way below his capabilities. Some months later, he dismissed accusations about his apparent lack of endeavour. "Absurd," he said. "I play every match 100 per cent. I can only score if the ball is put to me. it was not George Weah who played badly in that semi-

final, it was the team of Paris." Yet Weah was the mirror of his team. In the previous round, he was magnificent against Barcelona. His balance, technique, strength and awareness turned bad passes into scoring opportunities. He impressed me as the best player in the world, running his muscular frame into areas of pain, riding challenges, wriggling and turning, shooting fearlessly.

ne could understand how he has become a cult figure to Liberia, whose team he is reportedly helping to finance in the African Nations Cup.

Fifa certainly believes in him. "Liberia is torn apart by civil war," a report in the magazine of football's world governing body stated. "a million and a half inhabitants have fled for their lives. But whenever Lone Star — as the national squad is called play, everyone immediately downs his arms, everything comes to a standstill, and the party begins."

Football as a substitute for war? Even Fifa endorses the 29, as "a mixture of godfather. forward, captain, coach, organiser, financier, provider and occasionally even nurse".

And it quoted Kenneth Jackson, a Liberian journalist, saying: "Weah is like a flame to us. As long as it burns, we can forget the suffering and pain, we can dream of freedom." Weah would indeed appear

to be all things to all men. It might seem a little churlish to question his achievements in 1995. Leading the other Liberian mercenaries - they play in Germany, France, Switzer-land and elsewhere - to a leading tournament is worthy. But second to him in the African poll was Japhet N'doram, of Chad, whose

Saint-Germain to the French title. Then came Finidi George, of Nigeria, whose intelligent play for Ajax earned three medals — the Dutch league and cup and the European Cup. And in that poll, remember, was Tony Yeboah, of Ghana and Leeds United, who regularly shoots the goal of the month in

goals helped Nantes beat Paris

For the European poll, run by France Football magazine, which broke 40 years of tradition to allow journalists from 50 countries to choose non-Europeans, Weah finished ahead of Jürgen Klinsmann and Jari Litmanen. Last night, of course. Weah was deemed superior to everyone. All those people - administrators in Africa, journalists in Europe, coaches everywhere - cannot be wrong. But maybe they forgot April 19. Maybe they



Weah's muscular skills have earned him awards and recognition on two continents

Miriam Hooman, of Holland, who won the same years ago. Bitain will be represented by Matthew Syed, Lisa Lonas, Andrea Holt and Alism Broe. Davidson call Rugby league Warring-ton have signed Les Da-vidson, 33, the former Australia forward, as a temporary repacement on

the overseas quota for Dave King, the prop forward, who has a broken wrist. Davidson had his first spell at the club eight years ago and is available in the short jerm, even though he is fied to the

Allott in attack Cricket: New Zealand lave given Geoff Allott and Robert Kennedy the hance to form an experinental fast-bowling attack with the recalled Kerry Walmsley in the first Test match against Zimbabwe at Hamilton next week. Greg Loveridge, a leg spin-ner, is also called up for the first time.

NEW ZEALAND (from): G. Allott, Astie, C. L. Ceime, S. P. Fleming, Germon (captain), R. J. Kennedy Journal of C. Revers, D. N. Bet-

Foster's title

ackets: Harry Foster, th favourite, won the Peel Hunt British under-21 championship, bearing the unseeded Chris Charlton 15-9, 15-3, 15-7. Charlton was in pain after a mishit ball struck him on the car

during the first game.

British heavyweight trio plans rise to top of the form

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH interest in the world heavytained well into the next century. Frank Warren, the London promoter, has contracts with three young heavyweights, Wayne Llewellyn (Deptford), Danny Williams (Brixton) and Pele Reid (Sheffield). All three are in the mould of modern

heavyweights, standing around 6ft

3in and weighting 1612 stone, and are

being tipped for places in the top ten within the next two years.

With Warren's strong connections with Don King, the promoter of Mike chance of challenging for the world title if they achieve their expected ranking.

Llewellyn, 21, has had 12 contests and won all inside the distance. He spent a year in the United States working alongside established heavyweights, including Riddick Bowe, and expects to challenge Scott

Welch, of Shoreham, for the British morrow. Reid, being a kick-boxer, is liams. "He can box, hit and move and and Commonwealth titles after two or three more contests. Williams, 21, has had only two contests and Reid, a iomei world champion, just one.

Introducing them yesterday as members of his 11-strong "Class of '96". Warren, said: "The two young ones coming through. Danny Williams and Pele Reid, are both quality heavyweights. I would put Williams in with Frans Botha [the International Boxing Federation champion toa very tough customer. They have a really good opportu-

nity with the King connection to get hard years to learn their craft. They have to get 20 or so fights under their belt and we'll see how we go from there. When Lennox Lewis and Frank Bruno have retired, these guys will be very much up there."

Barry McGuigan, the former world featherweight champion, was particularly impressed with Wil-

has a sound chin," McGuigan said. "He looked really impressive stopping his two opponents. He could go

Frank Bruno, who defends his World Boxing Council title against. Mike Tyson on March 16 in Las Vegas. flies to Tenerife later this week to start training at the camp of Nigel Benn, who will be involved in his own super-middleweight defence, against Thulane Malinga, of South Africa, at Newcastle on March 2.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This was a tricky hand in the play from the first weekend of the new BBL Premier League season. Dealer North

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Contract: Seven Hearts by South. Lead: Ten of Diamo

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HANGUL

MOFFIE

a. A Filipina maid

b. A type of eagle

c. The Korean alphabet

c. An effeminate man

a. Toffee meringue pudding

Answers on page 42

North usually opened 2 NT found their heart fit it was just a question of how enthusiastic they became. Five tables setiled for Six Hearts but three tables advanced to Seven Hearts, twice by North and once by South.

Declarer has II tricks on top two spades, four hearts. three diamonds and two clubs. Against a red-suit lead, declarer can try to get two black-suit ruffs in one hand or the other. However, I think that the best line is to tiraw trumps. If trumps are 41, declarer takes two spade finesses. If trumps are 3-2, which black suit should declarer try first?

It is best to continue with ace, king, and a club ruff. If that does not bring down the queen, declarer fails back on his final chance, playing acc and king of spades. If the queen does not appear, the percentage play is to play a third round of spades and take

HODEGETRIA

b. A sign-post

MULLOCK

a. Nonsense

b A fish

c. To court

a. Old Man's Beard

c. A picture of the Virgin

the ruffing finesse. The reason why it is better to try clubs first that there is no ruffing finesse available in that suit playing spades first effectively wastes the last resort of the ruffing finesse.

The only declarer to play from the South hand received a spade lead through the AKJ 10. He could have still drawn three rounds of trumps and played as suggested above but somehow or other he muddled it and went one down.

☐ The 1996 Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship will be played at The White House Hotel, Regent's Park, London, on January 24. 25 and 26. Tickets are available from The Macallan Box Office, 31 Queens Road, Mortlake, London SW14 8PH. Information: 0181-878 5844.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS 27 a4 28 Q14

29 Gb8+

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT Fine defence

The Hastings Premier tournament produced an impressive number of fine fighting games. Amongst them was this defensive effort by Grandmaster Jon Speelman against the early leader Stuart Conquest.

Speelman overcame Conquest's initial efforts at aggression and by sacrificing two knights for a rook he eventually broke the back of White's

White: Stuart Conquest Black: Jonathan Speeiman Hastings Premier, January

Caro-Kann Defence

ජ 3 Nc3 Nd7 5 Nt3 NaiG 6 Ng3 Qc? 10 Ord4 11 Bt4 Qd\$ 8b7 Rtc8 Qc8 Qc7 Nd5 22 Rxd7 FIG.7

38 Nc3 37 g3 38 Cd3-29 Nb5

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After 40 Qxa3 Qxb3 wins or 40 Nxa3 Rc3. Otherwise. Black simply promotes his a-Dawn

Chess for charity

On Saturday, January 20 i shall be giving a cress display. taking on all-corners to raise funds for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit Appeal for St George's Hospital, Tooting. Those wishing to play or support the venture should contact Lucy DeVille, appeal co-ordinator, on 3181-725 5096.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

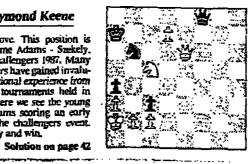
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25 Flxd5

White to move. This position is from the game Adams - Szekely. Hastings Challengers 1987. Many British players have gained invaluable international experience from the various tournaments held in Hastings. Here we see the young Michael Adams storing an early success in the challengers event. White to play and win.



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SNOW REPORTS

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Source: Ski Club of Great Britain, L. lower slopes, U. upper, art - artificial-

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HOCKEY SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Perfit first day of four): South Australia 235 and 390 (D. Lehmann 181, G. Blewett 96). Western Australia 377 and 209-9 (M. Lavender 55, J. Langer 51 not out, J. Gillespie 6-88). Molich drawn.

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QUEENS CLUB: Pael Hunt British under-21 championship: Semi-linels: H Foster br R Walker 15-11, 15-10, 18-14; C Charlon br C Walkh 15-11, 15-5, 10-15, 15-5, Final: Foster bl Charlton 15-9, 15-3, 15-7. **REAL TENNIS**

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Pentire among select band of 14 invited to compete for \$4 million prize

Waiting on Cigar to light up Dubai Cup

THE inaugural Dibai World Cup may be dribping with financial incentive but never before has any horse race attracted the quaity of runners queueing up for the £4 million prize, which will be staged over ten juriongs on dirt at Nad Al Sheba race-

course on March 27.
Europe has been allocated three places in arinternational field of 14. Feedom Cry. Pennekamp and Pennire, se-lected from 16 entrains by a panel of handicippers, com-prise the higher-rated older horses kept in trilining. Celtic Swing was promitted at the Swing was nominated at the second entry stage last week

Nap. ROBELLION (2.30 Lingfeld Park) Next best: Majer Orchestra (2.15 Lebester)

by his owner, leter Savill, but the four-year-old has failed to make the provional field. He is Europe's firs reserve.

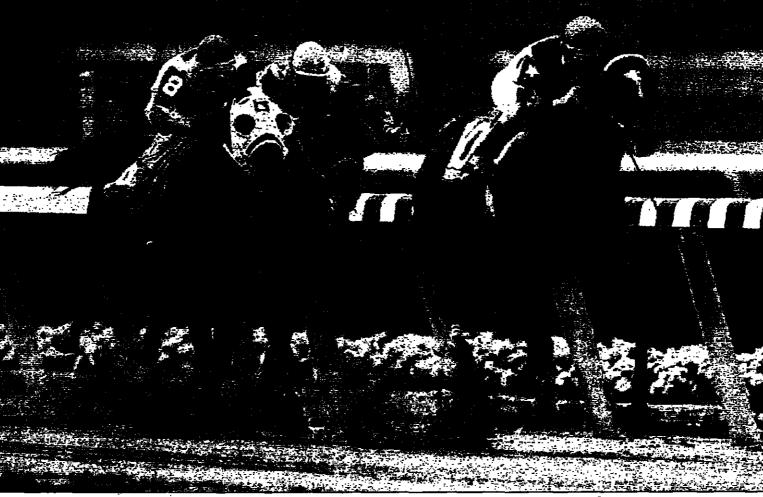
Pride of pace, however, goes to Cigar, who is expected to front the American challenge. The winter of his last 12 starts, ten of them in 1995, Cigar's place in the field has yet to be confirmed. Three American receivacks have depoled the respect of a \$2. dangled the carrot of a \$3 million bonus in an effort to

keep Cigar anhome. As yet, however, the borus is not on the able. The tracks concerned are struggling to raise a sponsor and failure to make good their pledge would increase the chances of Cigar's participation "Whether or not

12.45 Around The Gale

1.15 Golden Torque

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Cigar, a convincing winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic at Belmont Park, heads the American challenge for the Dubai World Cup

the bonus is available will have a bearing on the final decision," a spokesman said. Freedom Cry and Pennekamp, both trained by

André Fabre at Chantilly, are

definite runners. Pennekamp,

owned by Sheikh Moham-

2.15 Master Orchestra

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med, is to travel to Dubai on January 20, more than two months before the race, and Fabre will be there to supervise his training programme. The 2,000 Guineas winner, who has not run since injuring himself in Lammtarra's Der-

by at Epsom, is the mount of Thierry Jarnet. "Pennekamp has been can-

tering for six weeks now," Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Sheikh Mohammed, said. "He is going well and the plan is for him to have a prep

race in Dubai three weeks beforehand, hopefully over a mile or nine furlongs. After the race he will go back to France with Fabre and race from his stable through the

season." Daniel Wildenstein, who

galloping better than ever on dirt. Fabre says the horse is made of steel and he, too, is sure Freedom Cry will run a big race. We are very much looking forward to it." Geoff Wragg, who trains Pentire at Newmarket, is to

consult the colt's connections before committing the four-year-old to the Dubai event. We wanted to see if Pentire was given a place in the line-up before we talked about having a go. Obviously, he has never raced on dirt but I wouldn't have thought the surface would be a problem," Wragg said.

The European contingent will face stiff opposition from Dubai's Godolphin stable. Its four representatives are Annus Mirabilis, Moonshell and Halling. Simon Cristord, Godolphin's racing manager, said all four horses would have prep races in February and early March. "Cezanne and Moonshell

have been off with leg injuries so we'll see how they progress," Crisford said. "Halling is in good shape and Annus Mirabilis has settled down well since he arrived late last year. We do have some reserves just in case we have to change our plans, but all four are intended runners at this stage." Lanfranco Dettori will have the choice of mounts.

It would mean a lot to Sheikh Mohammed, the inspiration behind Godolphin, to keep the prize at home. Whatever the outcome, the sheikh can reflect that his \$4 million challenge has attracted the best horses from five continents, including Mahogany. the winner of ten group one

confident he will run well races in Australia. **RACING AHEAD** JUMP racing returned in style at Sandown last week, and high quality fare is again on offer this weekend at Ascot and Leopardstown. While Leopardstown's Ledbroke Hurdle has proved unsolvable to most British backers in recent years, the

owns Freedom Cry, was full of

optimism over the five-year-

old's challenge. "We deliber-

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Leopardstown. While Leopardstown's Leopords rauruse has proved practivable to most British backers in recent years, the Vicine Chardiar Chase at Ascottis more appealing. Nont Street and Martin's Lang Reconstant the Programe Chase over of these and distinct Report of the Program and the Ascottom Street and they head the Ascottom Street appears to be supported by the Chardiar the Street appears to be supported by the Chardiar the Street appears to be supported by the Chardiar the Street appears to be supported by the Chardiar the Street appears to be supported by the Chardiar the Street and the Street appears to the supported by the Chardiar the Street appears to the supported by the Chardiar the Street and the supported by the Street and the Stree

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BETTING: 9-2 Master Orchesta, 5-7 Brambletali Bock, 11-2 Actual, 5-1 Basteon Commander, 6-1 others BRANDE EHILL BUCK best Clear later 37 in 10-1 summer bandicap chase at Newton Albor (2m 51 10)pd, soft). MASTER ORCHESTRA best Sedge Waster 3341 in 17-numer meiden chase at Handrighon (3m; good to soft). LYME GOLD 9341 3nd of 5 in Reve En Rose in movice chase at Marter Brandon (3m; good to soft). LYME GOLD 9341 3nd of 10 in Peruvian Gale in sovice bandicap chase at Manbury (3m, good). Selection: MASTER ORCHESTRA

2.45 GROBY NOVICES CHASE (£3,845: 2m 1f) (15 runners) Serial Addes 18 (S) (M Open-Paires) & Emight 7-114 _______ JR Kavasagh & 230-13 CALLEGE BAY 33 (BF.G.S) (R Water) O Stemand 7-114 ______ JR Kavasagh & 250-13 CALLEGE BAY 33 (BF.G.S) (R Water) O Stemand 7-114 _____ J Detorme 2274-51 MARELLAN BAY 31 (G) (Mandous Engineering) Mas J Prison B-114 R Farrant of 14512-3 ARCITIC KRESANAN 29 (BF.G.S) (Mas R Hambor) N Terison-Davies 8-11-3 C Liouvellyn — SUSSIP BALART 293 (F) (A March) M Coapman 8-11-3 _____ W Worthington — RIMAPY COPPER CABLE 718 (Domper Lady Scot) C Smith 9-11-3 ____ W Roombord 10 _____ RAMON FOR CABLE 718 (Domper Lady Scot) C Smith 9-11-3 ____ W Roombord 10 ______ RAMON FOR FOR CABLE 718 (Domper Lady Scot) C Smith 9-11-3 ____ R Johnson (3) — B-FRITHER TRIM 284f (B Bourles) J Bradiey 5-11-3 _____ R Johnson (3) — B-FRITHER TRIM 284f (B Bourles) J Bradiey 5-11-3 _____ R Johnson (3) — B-FRITHER TRIM 284f (B Bourles) J Bradiey 5-11-3 _____ R Johnson (3) — 220433 — DOTE IN A STORM 253 (S) (J Doyle Constructive) M Hamonand 7-11-3 Mr C Bourler (3) 50 101305 SOUTHMANTON 25 (F,6.5) (Fighthert) G Balden 6-11-3 ______ A P McCoy — ROO STORMANG ROY 25 (J Adard A Tamel 6-11-3 _______ L Harvey — 243324 SUPER COR 544 (F,5) (F Booless) R Lee 8-71-3 _______ A Magastra — L Harvey — 243324 SUPER COR 544 (F,5) (F Booless) R Lee 8-71-3 _______ A Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman, 8-1 Magastra — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirsman — 1065: 10-11 Callege Bay, 4-1 Arcite Kirs BETTING: 10-11 Calison Bay, 4-1 Archit Kisamen, 6-1 Magellan Bay, 10-1 Southampton, 12-1 others. 1995: BARNA BOY 7-11-3 M Fitzgenid (10-11 tar) M Henderson 11 rao FORM FOCUS

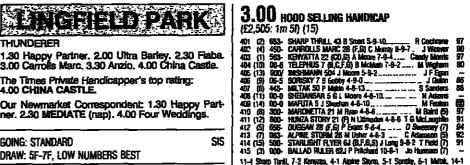
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3.15 CHIEFTAIN CLAIMENG HURDLE (\$2,700: 3m) (26 numbers) 1995: CASTLE SECRET 9-11-8 D J Bordrell (5-2 ji tari D Burchell 13 mm

THREEQUITOFFOUR best effort last season 89% 3rd of 10 in Mongars Harborz in handicap harde at Nessgatia (2m. good). PERSAM VEW best record effort flow Absord 20 in claiming moreon hands at Nemica About (2m. 9, good to solf). WILL I FLY best Visual 6 in 15-maner claiming harde at Sedection: THREEQUITOFFOUR 3.45 LEICESTER AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE

Long handleser. No Wood 9-10, Bila The Quilet 9-2, Michan Rosa 9-11
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JOCKEYS: C Llewellyn, 6 winners from 27 nicles, 22.2%; M Dwyser, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J R Kavenegh, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M A Fitzgerald, 6 from 31, 19.4%; R Durwoody, 11 from 58, 19.0%; M Pochands, 3 from 16, 18.9%.



1.30 Happy Partner. 2.00 Ultra Barley. 2.30 Fiaba. 3.00 Carrolls Marc. 3.30 Anzio. 4.00 China Castle. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 CHINA CASTLE

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 Happy Partner. 2.30 MEDIATE (nap). 4.00 Four Weddings.

DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 1.30 VICTORY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN **STAKES** (3-Y-0: £2,673: 5f) (6 runners) 101 (6) 0-44 COPPER BRIGHT 5 (8) P Haslam 9-0 ... J Fortune 97 (102 (2) 03- DARBY R-VER 25 W Muth 9-0 ... J Wester 88 (103 (3) 23- HAPPY RATIRES 139 C Matery 9-0 ... M Tebbel 96 (104 (1) 502- BOLTON DTOR 21 P Howling 8-9 ... J Duinn 89 (105 (5) USO - BOVERNORS DREAM 46 Mrs H Macabley 8-9 S Dreame (3) 67 (107 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A Famils 8-9 ... 8 D Williams 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY GRE J A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY G A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 (104 KIRTY G A FAMILS 8-9 ... 8 D WILLIAMS 8 D W Evens Happy Partner, 2-1 Boolen D'Or, 7-1 Darby Payer, 10-1 others.

2.00 RENOWN CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,103: 71) (8)

2.30 WARSPITE HANDICAP (£2,811: 1m) (12) 201 (2) 030. MEDIATE 28 (C.F.S) A Mide 4-10-0. J Stack (3) 95
302 (9) 08-4 ROBELION 7 (V.F.) O Atominos 5-9-8 R Cochrams 97
303 (11) 39-0 GENERAL SHRILEY 7 P Hedges 5-9-2. A MidStants 90
304 (10) 08-0 GENERAL SHRILEY 7 P Hedges 5-9-2. A MidStants 90
305 (7) 05-8 SMAKE PLSSIGEN 22 D Hayon Jones 5-9-10. A Machay 92
306 (1) 09-0 SHAYNES DOMANN 3 69-68 ft Rhower 5-8-68 D Biggs 83
307 (5) 000- HUSTINE 130 6 Rem 4-9-7 S.D Williams 92
308 (4) 33-8 BURNT STOMA 21 (D.F.) J Moore 4-8-6 J F. Egen 93
309 (2) 024- RARA 38 (D.G.) Mrs N Machay 8-8-5 T Achtey (7) 96
310 (2) 025-PACHO (681 4) 8 Pariling 4-9-3 M Fenton 67
311 (7) 006- PACHO (681 4) 8 Pariling 4-9-3 M Fenton 67
312 (6) 405- PACHO (681 4) 8 Pariling 4-9-3 M Fenton 67
313 (4) 405- RAGNO (7) ELERNAPH 25 (6) Tayer 6-9-1 fore Wands (7) 90
314 Robellon 5-1 Fields 6-1 Baises Daughter 7-1 Shaye Pressen 8-1 Rackey 3-1 Antholion, 5-1 Fatha, 6-1 Baises Daughter, 7-1 Snake Physices, 8-1 Rackey Telegraph, Justice, 10-1 Burnt Segma, 12-1 Others.

3.30 REPULSE HANDICAP (£3,849: 6f) (13) SIT (10) 305- HANNAYS USHER 25 (F,6) C Marry 4-10-0 M Tebbutt 87
502 (9) 034- CHEWIT 26 (CD,6) A Marce 4-10-0 M Tebbutt 87
503 (6) 600- SPENDER 67 (CD,6) A Marce 4-10-1 ... Clarky Marris 97
503 (6) 600- SPENDER 67 (CD,6,0) P Harrs 7-9-13 ... J Stack (3) 90
505 (2) 000- LUTRA BEET 26 (V,CD,F,6) P Hattern 4-9-9 J Western 90
505 (1) 410- AKZIO 22 (B,CD,F,6,5) B Petres 5-9-6 ... J Ness 95
507 (11) 31-0 FOUR 05 SPAIES 8 (V,CD,F,6) P Harts 4-9-5 J F Egan (9)
508 (12) 021- ROBO MARCE 22 (CD,F,6) I Marchagus Haif 4-9-5 J F Egan (9)
509 (5) 100- C FACTOR 54 (0,5) B Hayton 4-9-2 . A Marcky 92
510 (13) 04-1 PAGEBOY 5 (B,CD,F,6) P Hastern 7-9-2 (TeV J Fortison 95
511 (4) 134- SOURE CORNE 68 (5) R Hartson 4-9-1 Cape Hartmoot (7) 65
512 (3) 040 WALLRACK FARRIER 7 (6,5) B Meeton 4-8-11 ... A Carts 513 (6) 000- PRES CHOICE 41 (V,CD,6) M MacCountat 5-8-5 M Feston 88
9-2 Robo Marce 5-1 Pageboy, 6-1 Chark 13-2 Source Corrie, Four O'Scodes, 7-1 9-2 Robo Magur, 5-1 Pagetoy, 6-1 Chewk, 13-2 Squire Corrie, Four Di Spades, 7-1 Spender, Handah's Usher, 8-1 others. 4.00 NELSON HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £3,761: 1m 2f) (11) 7-4 China Castle, 5-2 Klassing Gate, 4-1 Thorntown Estate, Domoor, 6-1 others

TRANSPS: P Harts, 9 states from 30 natures, 30 0%, M Johnston, 32 hours 187, 17.1%, M Bell, 4 hours 24, 16.7%, R Hannes, 19 hours 117, 16.2%; T Mills, 4 hrom 27, 14.8%; P Hastare, 10 hours 68, 14.7%.

··· YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM SOUTHWELL

12.25 (hm) 1. LADYBOWER (Armee Cook. 12-1), 2. Carol Again (F Lynch, 33-1); 3. Anotherone To Note (J Denns, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4-6 tay Seaumen (4th), 6 East Barns, 10 Broughton's Port, Scent CV Power (5th), 14 Green Apriche, 16 Greet Bear (5th), 50 Woodlands Lad Too 10 ran 244, 134, 21, 31, hd Lord Huntingdon at West lesley, Tote: £11 60; £2-30, £4,70, £1.80, DF. £116.90, Tno: £190.70 (par wort pool of £166.56 carried forward to 2-30 at Lingheld today). CSF. £258 SS. Tricest: £4,327,76 ioday). CSF. 2253 53. Tricast: \$4,327.76 12.50 (7f) 1, SO AMAZING (J Weever, 4-1); 2, Peggy Spencer (D McKeown, 5-1 (sv); 3. Hi Rock (I. Charnock, 13-2). ALSO RAN 4 Legal Issus (4th), 9 Grey Agent (5th), 14 Deane (6th), 53. Mecanon Lady, 40 Crowarter Trio, 66 Woodlands Electric, 9 ran. NR: Sea God Hd, 8t, sh hd, 4t, 9t, Mess 5 Half at Middleham. Tote: \$4.30; \$1.50, \$1.10, \$2.70. DF; \$4.70. Trio, \$13.30 (CSF; \$2.46 Tricast, \$2.9.73

Nicholds at Thursk Tota: E2.20; £1.10, £4.20, £2.40. DF: £17.20. Inc. £47.50. CSF. £21.92. Tneast: £91.30. Inc. £47.50. CSF. £1.92. Tneast: £91.30. PRECT (J. Ferning, 8-15 faw); £, Arch Angel (N. Adams, 5-1); 3. Dancing Cavaller (F. Lynct, 20-1); ALSO RAN: 5 Burnbleton (Ath), 14 Hasans Heights (£th), £0 Hasans Cott Demond (5th), 100 Alpheton Phroe, Muhrolande Lad. 8 ran %1, 1%1, 1%, 3, 5; K. McAuffle at Lembourn Tote, £17, £1.10, £1.70, £3.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £3.53. Derrocum (198. Et 7), F. 1. (1, 17.7), 53.30
DF: (23.30. CSF: (23.33.
2.15 (1m 4) 1. YOUGO (J. Weswer. 8-11
tan) 2. Zesti (J. Sack. 50-1). 3. Nick The
Biscult (A Clark. 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2
Tartiyer. 18 Never Time. Zalamont. 33
Beacaty (4m), TI Be Bound (5th). 50
Burmanood Melody (5th), 65 Burnough Hill
Lass. 10 ran. 30). 41, 114, 349. Ind. M
JOHNSton at Maddisham. Tote: 51.70; 51.20,
CSF: C32.38 Horse No 6, Temyer, was in
tact Loch Style.
2.45 (1m 3) 1, OUR TOM (N Cartesle, 14-1).
2. Rambo's Hall (5 D Williams, 3-1 tan); 3,
Wildfare (J. Quira, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2
Megic Junction, 11-2 Sudden Spin (5th), 10
For Ahead (4th), 12 Marthila, Nashasal,

Simasi. 25 Mr Yowser (6th). 33 Elde Justice 11 ran. 34. 4, 2h. 1.11, 14. J. Whatton at Metton Mowbay. Tota. 524 80, 55.50. 51.50, 52.10. DF. 952.00. Trio: 5224.0. CSF. 625.96. Triosat 5172 40.
3.15 (7f) 1, GLI/YS GAMBLE (J. Fanning, 33-1). 2, Webb Medody (C. Rutier, 13-2): 3. Dissporting (4h. McGlone, 100-30 tav). ALSO RAN 8 Nitsowi Rader, Rechnore Brandy. 7 Adler, 8 Still Hese (8th), Silly Night (5th). 9 Tricklectown, 10 Flomerim, 14 Nispier Star. 16 Elipettie (4th). 12 ran. NR. Loch Stvie 1¼, 3.54. ¼, 1¼, 61. J. Whighting at Metton Mowbray Tote 631.30, 52.00, 52.20, 61.80. DF. 591.80 Trio £78.30. CSF. £235.53.
3.45 (7f). 1, WHITE SORREL, IJ Stack, 12-11, 2, Awesionne Venture, (C. Munday, 12-11), 3, Moris (J. Edmunds, 8-1). ALSO RAN, 2-1 five Dr. Calgan, 4 Acquado (5th), 13-2 Whackford Squeers, 10 Don't Gat Caught (4th), Reinhows Rhupeody, 17 Geody (6th) 9 ran. 44, 1½, 244, 11, 61 A Hamson at Middleham Tote, £25.40. SS 90, £3.70, £4.00 DF. £186.40. Trio £71.70, £57.12

Rivals put pressure on Cardiff position

BY A CORRESPONDENT

SHEFFIELD Steelers and Nottingham Panthers, having shared a 3-3 draw in their British ice hockey league encounter on Saturday, went on to record comfortable victories on Sunday, over Fife Flyers and Basingstoke Bison respectively, thereby maintaining pressure on Cardiff Devils, the leaders.

Sheffield were indebted to Tony Hand, Nicky Chinn and Ron Shudra, who each scored twice in a 9-1 victory, Andy Samuel providing the late consolation for the Scottish visitors.

Injuries deprived Nottingham of the services of Graham Waghorn, Darren Durdle and Simon Hunt but Mike Blaisdell, their player-coach, provided the required inspira-tion, scoring twice in each of the first two periods as his side emerged 5-3 winners. Kevin Conway scored twice in three minutes to reduce the arrears but the home side's two-goal advantage was never breached.

Durham Wasps took sole possession of fourth with a 4-0 away win against Humber side Hawks in a game in which both teams were missing influential players. The only goal of the first two periods was scored by Janne Seva, a recent Durham recruit from Finland, but Kip Noble (twice) and Kim Issel scored in the first ten minutes of the final period to settle the contest.

Newcastle remain adrift at the foot of the table, despite strengthening their side with the much-travelled Tim Salmon. He scored a goal, and another recent acquisition, Scott Morrison, collected a hat-trick in their 13-7 home defeat by Milton Keynes Kings. Scott Young, playing in his second game since joining Milton Keynes from Humberside, was in outstanding form for his new club, contributing five goals and two assists.

FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated Auto Windscreens Shield

Southern section Fullham v Bristol Rovers (7.45) Hereford v Northampton (7.45) Peterborough v Colchester (7 45) Strewsbury v Brighton Vaustrali Conference Kettering v Northwich (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League First division

Second division Tennents Scottish Cup 11-4 Sharp Tarili, 7-2 Kenyaka, 4-1 Alpine Stora, 5-1 Sonsky, 6-1 Martak, 14-1 Carrolls Marc, 16-1 Telephus, Duggan, 20-1 others. Brechin v Clyde

REPRESS/TATIVE MATCH: British Students v FA XI (at Hednestard Town FC).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Middlerki division: Bridgardh v Evesham (7 45) Dr.

Martene Cup: Second round replay: Troudradge v Bashley Third round: Beldock v king's Lynn, Chelsenham v Gressley, Moor Green v Biston.

ICIS LEAGUE: Certion Cup: Second round: Welton and Hersham v Kingsionen. Third round: Aldershot Town v Bognor Regio (7 45). Tooling and Mitchiam v Sutton United. Cariton Trophy: Third round: Ware v Hernel Hempostead; Wiwenhoe v Chaltont

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: British Stu-

United. Cariton Trophy. Third round: Ware v Hernel Hempstead: Wwenhoe v Chalton's Peter (7 45).
UNISOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Barrow, Emley v Chorley President's Cup: First round: Leek v Hyde. Manne v Writon United Peter division cup: Second round replay. Cuzon Aartion v Astron United.
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Biogleswade v Hetfield O'Brien/Micharde Buildhers Char. Third round, first leg: Toddington v Harperden. O'Brien/Micharde Buildhers Challenge Trophy: Third round: Royston v Story Stationd.

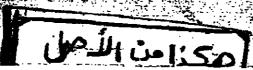
Trophy: Third round: Royston v Stony Strational.
GREAT MULLS LEAGUE: Premier divisions: Bristol Manor Farm v Chappenham JEWSON BASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiphrae v Felinstone. Woodbridge v Watton JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andower v Minhorne, Bournemouth v Eastlegh, Swanage and Herston v Christolium.
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WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First clivision: Thamesmead v Becleenham (7 45).
AYON INSURANCE COMESNATION: First clivision: Pottsmouth v Norwech (7.0): Westlord v Ipowich (2.0).
PONTINS CIENTRAL, LEAGUE: First division: Botton v Nottingham Forest (7 0). Everion v Menchester Uct (7 0). Second clivision: Botton v Nottingham Forest (7 0). Favouring (7.0). Gransby v Sundersand (7.0).
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round proper: Liverpool v Luton, Blackburn v Trainnere, Doncaster v Olicham, Plymouth v Totenham.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Under-18: Premier League Trophy: Lancashire v Grezier Manchester.

Kick-off 70

WRU Midweek Cup Abercynon v Biaina Pontypool v Cross Keys . . Pool B Pool C

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TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 5 witners from 14 numers, 35.7%; N Henderson, 6 from 17, 35.3%; J White, 5 from 15, 33.3%; N Twiston-Davies, 5 from 18, 27.8%; M Pipe, 20 from 75, 26.7%; D. Nicholson, 12 from 46, 26.1%.

Super Bowl champions of yesteryear are hoping to turn back the clock

Resurgent **Green Bay** send 49ers packing

THE historians are preparing themselves for an orgy of sentimentality and the propagation of endless re-runs of sepia-flavoured footage from the very birth of their game. As the American football juggernaut thunders towards the ultimate truck stop, the Super Bowl, comparative arrivistes like San Francisco 49ers are being left at the roadside by teams who dominated the

early years of the sport. The 49ers, the reigning champions, lost 27-17 to Green Bay Packers, the winners of the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968, in San Francisco. Brett Favre, who has become the National Football League's most proficient quarterback, prompted comparisons with his great predecessor, Bart Starr, as he threw two touchdowns to take

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the Packers to the National Football Conference (NFC) championship game next

The 49ers never recovered from going 21-0 behind with only four minutes of the second quarter gone. Steve Young, the San Francisco quarterback, reduced the arrears with a short touchdown run in the third quarter but two field goals from the visitors put the game beyond them. This is awful." Young

said, "absolutely awful."

Not far behind them, the Terry Bradshaw-inspired Pittsburgh Steelers teams of the 1970s, progressed to their successive American Football Conference champ-

fessional rugby union

clubs hangs like a cloud over a

successful first year of European competition. Though nei-

ther the individual clubs nor

the organisers of the Heineken

Cup seek confrontation, that

possibility remains a threat to

of administration as anything

else: II clubs (Leicester, Harle-

quins, Sale, Cardiff, Swansea,

Pontypridd, Toulouse, Toulon.

Castres. Treviso and Milan)

were represented in Cardiff

over the weekend, when the

European Professional Rugby

Clubs Association was

formed. As smaller units, they

can move fast: European Rug-by Cup Ltd (ERC), whose

directors are drawn from the

five nations and are honorary

All the directors are heavily

involved in International Rug-

by Football Board business

and are unlikely to meet until

next month to discuss a tour-

nament which reached its

climax when Toulouse beat

Cardiff on Sunday. Mean-while, the clubs plan to meet

on January 26, many of them

seeking to put the tournament

on a home-and-away basis as

soon as possible.

appointments, cannot.

The problem is as much one

the fledgeling tournament.

Buffalo Bills 40-21. It was as if the Super Bowl had come early for the Bills' running back Thurman Thomas, who usually saves his worst for last and obliged with a fumble just when it seemed the Bills might be about to stage a stirring

Twirling yellow towels like dervishes, the Steelers supporters roared their team on even when it looked as though they might blow the 20-0 lead they had established midway through the second quarter. The Bills fought for all they were worth but were finally broken by two Steelers touchdowns in the last seven minutes, condemned to another year stuck with their label as the sport's most famous losers.

The Steelers will meet the

real giantkillers of this stage of the play-offs. Indianapolis Colts, in the game which will decide who goes forward to the Super Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona, at the end of the month. The Colts, who only qualified for the play-offs as a wild-card entry and have not made it to the conference title game since they lost to Miami Dolphins in 1971, beat Kansas City Chiefs 10-7 with the help three missed kicks and three second-half interceptions thrown by Steve Bono, the Chiefs quarterback.

"I don't think too many people outside of our locker room thought we could do it." the Colts' self-effacing quarterback, Jim Harbaugh, said. "It is a credit to our defense that we got those turnovers. We just keep grinding, keep com-ing back, keep believing in ourselves. Anything can hap-

Only Dallas Cowboys of the dominant teams of recent years remain in contention for the Super Bowl. They cruised past Philadelphia Eagles 30-11 to make it to the NFC champ-

Their imperatives differ,

naturally enough, from those

of the national unions repre-

sented on ERC. The clubs seek

money and the control of

commercial and television

deals; the unions wish to filter

the profits of the new competi-

tion rather more broadly.

while recognising the needs of

delighted with their new cre-

ation, which will almost cer-

tainly grow from 12 teams to

20 next season. Assuming

English and Scottish partici-

pation - though Scottish clubs have forced their union

to call a special general meet-

ing to resolve whether they

will be represented by district

teams (like Ireland) or the

clubs themselves - then England, Wales and France will

each contribute four teams.

Scotland and Ireland three

There is every possibility

that the second Italian club

will have to qualify in a play-

off with the Romanian champions. ERC is keen to

each and Italy two.

For the present, they are

the leading clubs in Europe.

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Marcus Allen, of Kansas City Chiefs, fails to breach the Indianapolis Colts defense. Photograph: Jeff Taylor

Stadium on Sunday. The Cowboys were inspired Deion Sancers.

who is fast becoming the sport's equivalent of Eric Cantona. He has not made any unscheduled forays into ionship game by trouncing straight year. They will meet the 49ers after winning a though he is nominally a

recognise Romania's historical

contribution to European com-

petition, while mindful that

Farul Constanta lost both their

Heineken Cup games heavily

Most of the games next

season will be played at week-

ends during October and Nov-

ember and this time a decent

gap will be preserved between the semi-finals and the final,

scheduled for January 4, 1997.

probably in Paris. This sea-

son, the semi-finals and final

were separated by only a

week, leaving little opportuni-

of the Welsh Rugby

Union, believes the

birth of a European club competition was the hardest

thing he has had to drive

through in rugby which, con-

sidering his part in the cre-

ation of an open game last

summer, is saying something.

There is a three-year commit-

ment to the tournament

organisers." he said. "of which

the leading clubs are aware.

ty to promote the final.

Cup success may spell trouble

A conflict of interests threatens

the stability of club rugby in

Europe. David Hands reports

this season.

the Packers at the Texas Super Bowl ring with them last year and is on course for another with the Cowboys this

Sanders, who was lured away from San Francisco by a \$35 million contract (around £23.5 million), lined up as an ionship game for the fourth the crowd yet but he did leave attacking wide receiver al-

> "One understands why the clubs might wish to generate a

> premier-league style situation

and no one can be forced to

stay within the national

unions and their rules. But

neither should they necessar-

ily expect radical adjustments

"If you reach a position

where the power and author-

ity fall into the hands of the

clubs, to the detriment of the

international game, then it's

The profits from the compe-

tition will be divided between

the participating unions and

Pugh estimates that there will

be a minimum of £500,000 to

be distributed among the

Welsh first division clubs: 60

per cent will go to the three

participants - Cardiff, Swan-

sea and Pontypridd - who

also benefit from gate receipts

and commercial deals at-

Next season, assuming the Rugby Football Union's plans bear fruit, an Anglo-Welsh

league will be staged concur-

rently with the Heineken Cup

and a hastily-made fixture this

Saturday presages that: Wasps will play Llanelli, since

nearly all of the first division

programme in the Heineken

League is postponed four days

before Wales play Italy.

tached to their home games.

to suit their agenda.

total anarchy.

defensive back, and scored a second-quarter touchdown to put the Cowboys 10-3 up. running back, added another touchdown to increase their lead and the game was effectively over.

The old footage is already being played, of course. The

favourite so far is the "Ice Bowl" meeting between the Cowboys and the Packers for the conterence title at Bay's frozen Lambeau Field in 1967. The Packers won that one 21-17 but the Cowboys have won their last six meet-

ings, including two play-off

Hull moves to wing to take on France A

By DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND, having declared places Richard Hill, which is that their A team must be

regarded as a vehicle for development, stick with their principles in selection for the meeting with France at the Jean Bouin Stadium on January 19. The bulk of the young side

which imposed a heavy defeat on Western Samoa last month is retained for what is traditionally the hardest fixture in the A-team calendar. The only capped player is Paul Hull, who is fielded on

the wing now that Jon Sleightholme has been elevated to the senior side. The irony will not be lost on Hull; his own international career has suffered from his ability to cover various positions behind the scrum and now he is required to move from full back once more.

Players such as Nick Greenstock and James Naylor are recovering from injury so Adedayo Adebayo - whose form this season must have merited serious discussion for the senior XV - will play on

the left wing. Rory Jenkins, the Harlequins open-side flanker, dis-

hard on the talented Saracens The significant aspect of this

game will be the form of the young half backs, Alex King and Andy Gomarsall, who twisted his ankle playing for Wasps last Saturday. Success against the French, at any level, is a good indication of a talented player and if King, in particular, can impose himself on the game, his value to a clutch of admiring first division clubs may rise.

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Vince Wright gave ten out of 12 homes last Saturday

Answers from page 40 HODEGETRIA

(t) An iconographical variant of the Virgin and Child in which the Child is depicted on the Virgin's left arm while she indicates him with her right hand as "the indicator of the way" (the meaning of the Greek words). According to tradition the arrangement follows that of a painting originally annibuted to St Luke, but the earliest surviving example is probably to be assigned to the 7th century. The composition was frequently copied in Italy, the Byzantine world and Russia. Sometimes, in the process of capying, the Child was transferred from the Virgin's left arm to the right and she indicates him with her left hand, but there is no particular significance in this variant.

MULLOCK (a) Worthless information or nonsense. Australian and New Zealand slang. "Cooney, I said, it is madness to present such mullock to an intellectual audience."

(c) The Korean national phonetic alphabet, from the Korean Han Korea +

kul script or alphabet. In its modern form, Hangul consists of 24 phonenic symbols and is considered one of the most ingenious writing tel South African slang for an efferningle man, a shortening and mispronunciation of hermaphrodite. "Moffies. They don't like women but they like women's clothes. But Achtred was not a proper Moffie; he just liked fooling with boys. He didn't have the moffie voice."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE I dSQ! Qxd8 2 Qf7+ and White wins.

The sinking of a tax ship

Had he been so inclined, former Tory Chancellor Nigel Lawson would have had every reason to pure "I told you of" He had attacked the proposed poll tax as "politically carastrophic" and "deeply regressive, hitting the poor". Two years after it was introduced, initially in Scotland, it was dropped. It was Margaret Thatcher's flagship. When it sank, it took her down with i. In Consequences, Tony Travers confidently picks his way through the political minefield the poll tax created. One of the worst consequences, according to Travers, was its contribution to the destruction of Britain's once-strong system of local government Britain's once-strong system of local government

The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales. Radio 3.

if I were asked to nominate the regional orchestrathat has improved if I were asked to nominate the regional orchestratiat has intrioved out of all recognition in recent years, it would have to be the instrumentalists who shelter under the flag stowing the Welsh Dragon. Their main work in today's concert is a rarity. It is the original 1911 version of Stravinsky's ballet score or Petrushka. We have become used to the amended version, writen in 1947, and altogether more modest than the original orchestration. This is also stated to the amended version of the stravinsky serverived it as a perfect ballet music. Yet, amazingly, Stravinsky conceived it as a concert piece for piano and orchestra. He was taked out of that by

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FM Stereo, 6.00em Sarah' Kennedy 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Stewart stude John Durin 7/Jul respect over Brisaln 8.30 Sinetins The Other Side (8/6) 8.00 Put Your Sweet Lips: a Little Closer to the Phone 10.00 Aller Egos. In the first of six programmes, Valerie Solii balls to Denne Kirl Te Kansawa 10.30 The Improvers 12 (Mann. State) Medicien.

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930 Henry Kelly 12,00 Susanna Shoris 2,00pm Lunchtime Concert

5.00em On Air, with Andrew

(Finlandia); Weber (Bassoon Concerto in F); Prokoflev (Sycarhorny No.1 in D., Clestical); Shelfult (Syriphony No.2 in D)

15.00 The Music Machine, Tommy Pearson explores the years 1800 to 1750

15 in Tune, with Main Micolson. Mozart (Trumpet Concerto in D); Sectioner (Violin Soneta in A) MINE OF AIT, WITH ARCHEM
McGregor, Rachmaninov (We'
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Concertante in B flat); Amold
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(Violin Concerto No 1 in G
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menor; a.ue Handes (Peconder Sonate in B flat, Fitzwilliam); Walton (String Quartet in A minor) 9,00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambeccini, Bartók in A) 7.30 Pebble MIII, live from Studio (Rumanian Folk Dances) Scarlatti (Sonatas: in G; in G minor); Fasch (Concerto in D minor); Mozart (Clarinet

Concerto in A) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Edward Biskeman, Marenzio (Kyrie and Gloria; Essurget Deus; Buonamente, Sonata); Boieldieu (Harp Concerto in C); Debussy (Fêtes galantes C); Debussy (Fètes galantes); 11.00 Schubert (Piano Quintet in A. Trout); Vaughan Williams (Pretty Bess; Epitaph on John Jayberd of Diss, Five Tudor Portraits)

12.00 Compo ser of the Week: Mozart. Works associated with the composer's visit to Mannham in 1777-78. Introduced by Nicholas Till.
Sonata in C: Basta, vincesti;
Symphony No 31 in D, Parls
1.00pm News; The BBC

Orchestras, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, See

Orchestra of Wales. See Choice

2.25 Carmina Guartet. Mozart (String Quartet in G); Debussy (String Quartet in G minor) (r)

3.20 A Series of Intervals. The major third (r)

3.30 The BBC Orchestres. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. under Ari Rasilainen, with Paul Boyes, bassoon. Sibelius 37.30 Pebble MIBI, the from Studio One. Peter Donohoe, plano. Debussy (Pretudes, Book 1); 8.16 Debussy and the Pieno. Recollections from Debussy's friends and contemporaries; 8.30 Peter Donohoe plays Ravel (Sonatine); Messaen (Le Fativette des jardins) 9.35 Cettic Souf. Sean Street travels to Lindistarne 9.55 RNCSM Broadwood 9,55 RNCM Broadwood International Festival. BBC Philhamnonic under Barry Wordsworth performs Mozari (Concerto loi two pianos:

Steven Osborne and Paul Janes): Ravel (Plano Concerto in G: Anne Queffelec) 1:45 Night Waves, includes Nugra waves, includes reviews of Palar York's Eighties on BBC2, and Faces of the Eighties at the National Podratic Eallery Music Restored. The second

of two concerts recorded at the Holywell Music Room in Oxford, during last September's lestivel to mark the 450th anniversary of the cleath of William Lawes. An

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3.0 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan, Ian Macmillan tracks the Yorkshire songsmith Berl Lee, who wrote Knees Up Mother 4.0 News 4.05 Kaletdoscope. Paul Vaughan reviews a

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7.20 Consequences. See Choice
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Feading Aloud. Travel.
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10.00 The World Tonight, with

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Harpoie Report, by J.L. Car. Reat by Alistair McGowan

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5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Letters from Kersynotro 8.40 Letters from Kerstrigton, by Raymond Seltz (1/6) 8.58 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-680 4444 10.00-10.30 News; Crimescapes (FM orly), Lesie Forbes with crime water Lizz Cody (2/6) 10.00 Dally Service (LW orly) 10.15 Trits Sceptr'd hale (LW orly) 10.15 Trits Sceptr'd hale (LW orly) 10.20 Women's Hour Series! Lance Authorities and an include a biography of the soprano Elisabeth Schwarzkopt and talks to the author J.G. Ballard 4.445hort Story: Happy as Seturday Night, by San James. Read by Ericat Erian 5.00ptil, with Chris Lowe and lacks Hardrace 5.00 lackie Hardgrave 5,50 Shipping 5,55 Weather 6,00 Stx O'Clock News 6,30 Jook's Tour. Eleanor Bron

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1.00 The World at One, with
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Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theetre: Funny Valentine by John Bond Teenagers Ellie and Alyson prepare a Valentine's Day meal for their parents. But will it heal the rift

parents but were there and father? With Becky Hindley, John Hartley, Jessica Daves and Lucy Kant.

Some Enchanted Evening with Bryn Terfel. The opera singer talks to the panist lain Burnside, and they padern a salection of songs from Welsh talk to Posteron and tolk to Rodgers and Hammerstein (r)

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For excitement, the brains beat the brawn

ill computes stop us thinking for ourselves, was one of the questions that kicked off a new eason of The Brains Trust. Nothing too difficult there for Jonathan Miller and the brainy bunch — quick rail against the early use of calculators, a plea for poetry one again to be learnt by heart and re were on to the next. Do we know what love is?

No, but they knew a Wittgenstein

And so it was that some of the mightiest intellects in the land neatly avoided the surning ques-tion of the evening - will popular drama stop us thicking for ourselves? The answe, at least for those of us who clight the first episode of Call Red ITV) is - very

Having exhausted the Armed Forces and the emergency services as subject matter producers of popular drama ar now left with filling the gaps —hence a series

doctoring.
That, at least is the theory. In practice the members of this particular Air Medical Service team, based somewhere around the Solent, are all far too busy flirting with each other to get any real work done. The mortuary at King Alfred's hospital must echo to the sound of patients unzipping their body bags and walking out to look for some proper medical attention. "Dann it Sean, why didn't you spot the pulse?" Philip will bellow soon at the weekly

"death and doughnuts" review meeting. "Sorry boss, I was no busy giving Allie the glad-eye."

With sexual chemistry the top priority, casting has been done on the Robson Green principle giving the best parts to the actors with the nicest eyes. "Right darlings, we'll have piercing blues.

about an air ambulance, where half the characters do the flying while the other half do the soft greys and extra long lashes over here please, the rest of you ... we'll let you know. You with the sty - stay behind for a second, I might have something for you in

> All this meaningful eye contact, however, does have its dangers. Amid all the air traffic control jargon that fills the gaps between the medical jargon, there was much alarming talk of "sequential-ly blown pupils", presumably an occupational hazard for those fond of dilating in front of the opposite sex — along with cramp of the artfully arched eyebrow.

ut for all its predictability — B the urgent music, the urgent storylines and the frantic flirting - Call Red made an encouraging start, despite an occa-sional tendency to look like an airborne version of Howard's Way. The basic premise was nearly established, as was the improba-

BBC2

6.00am Business and Work: Working All Hours

7.00 Breakfast News (Ceelax and signing) (6579915)

7.15 Lassie (3633793) 7.40 Stone Protectors (r) (7757248) 8.95 Blue Peter (r) (5700064) 8.35 The Riud-Loving Musikrat (s) (9991199) 9.00 Blitz on Cartooning (r) (36625) 9.30 Seebrook's Year (r) (73644) 10.00 Playdays (s) (6488199)

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3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather. Followed by Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceefax) (s) (7647712) 3.55 News (Ceefax) (5503335)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (354) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (538) 5.00 Esther (s) (4606)

5.30 The Village (487248) 5.55. Turning Points

7.10 The Ren and Stimpy Show (Ceefax) (s) (645462)

7.30 Local Heroes. Adam Hart-Davis recreates the

world's first powered flight (Ceefax) (s) (267)

8.00 Pound for Pound. Making money work for you

9.00 Million Dollar Bables. The concluding part of the

armazing but tragic story of the Dionne quintuplets.

Comedy sketches with Jerry Seinfeld (11.40pm)

Seinfeld (1/2) (s)

12.30 The Learning Zone: Open University — The Traditions and the Environment (63590) 1.30 The

Dynamics of Teams (93132) 2.00 Languages: French Experience. Beginners' French (89768) 3.00

Japanese Language and People (86768) 4.00 BBC Focus: Teaching and Learning with IT, the Internet and primary ideas (15497) 4.30 Inside Europe (74519) 5.00 English Heritage — Conservation at Work (46294) 5.30 Film Education (37403)

12.05am Midnight Hour(s) (5348565)

The Larry Sanders Show (Ceelax) (s)

10.25 The People of the Forest (s) (37857248)

12.00 See Hear! (r) (Ceefax and signing) (56489)

1.15 Willie Nelson; My Life (r) (1952151)

2.10 The Andrew Neil Show (s) (5924248)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air (s) (480996)

8.30 Food and Drink. (Ceefax) (s) (2625)

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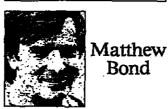
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (552606)

6.25 Heartbreak High (Ceefax) (s) (388915)

12.30pm Working Lunch (s) (77460)



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bly good-looking cast of medics and flyers. The next few weeks will see if they can manage anything a little more demanding. To borrow from its own software jargon — Chances of Survivability? Over 50 per cent.

By contrast the chances of survivability for Paul Verhoeven's career are said to be slim - and falling. After enjoying huge popular success with Robocop, Total

spot of bother with Showgirls, a film dubbed by his detractors as a

go-go girl too far. In recent months Omnibus (BBC1) has won a deserved reputation for outrageous pluggery, so a spot of career rehabilitation made a nice change - even if it was timed to coincide with the British release of Showgirls. Did it succeed? Well, up to a point. Certainly, David Thompson's film, subtitled From Holland to

Hollywood, established that Verhoeven has a track record as a film-maker for showing things as they are. In Verhoeven's world, if a woman crosses her legs while not wearing underwear, then a camera should be looking up her skirt. "I thought when we were shooting the scene that it might be fun."

A distinguished cast of actors writers, including the Guinness-drinking Rutger Hauer

screenplay for Basic Instinct, were assembled to convince us that Verhoeven's approach was a legitimate one. Sadly, Sharon Stone, the world's best-known natural blonde, was not available for

Thompson, however, also provided ammunition for those who believe that the mathematics graduate from Leiden has become a dirty old man, with some toe-curling lootage of the director at work on the set of Showgirls. Surrounded by beautiful young women rehearsing their writhings and wrigglings, our greying, denim-shirted Lothario looked as though he had died and gone to heaven. As the song says:

vice work if you can get it . . . But for the cutting edge of voyeurism, you had to watch The Brains Trust (BBC2) with its live acts of unsimulated, penetra-

Recall and Basic Instinct, the and Joe Eszterhas, who wrote the tive...thinking. With Nietzsche Dutch film director has run into a screenplay for Basic Instinct, were and Goethe whizzing past at head height it is tempting to mock this late-night revival of a show last seen in the early 1960s. Indeed with A.S. Byatt holding forth about the glee she experiences "every time" she reads King Lear. the temptation is almost

irresistible. In its new format the programme appears to have shifted the emphasis somewhat. No longer is it a case of humbly asking better minds than ours to do our thinking for us; instead this is thinking as a spectator sport. And with Jonathan Miller on his best behaviour and Edward de Bono performing his lateral party tricks ("if we bred humans to be half the current size, we'd have twice as much space each and eight times as much food to eat") quite good spectator sport it proved too. Mind you, I could have done with action replays of some of the finer points.

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11.55 Weather (891977)

CHOICE

A Chinese toddler is left to die (C4, 9.00pm)

Channel 4, 9.00pm One of the least forgettable documentaries of 1995 was an expose of how China treats its abandoned children. Armed with hidden cameras, a television crew entered the country's state orphanages and brought back terrible footage of abused and neglected babies. Much of the material is repeated here, along with the findings of a parallel report by Human Rights Watch, an international body, into an orphanage in Shanghai. Its findings echo all too closely the evidence of the critical like. The children are the universe description. original film. The children are the unwanted products of China's attempt to slow the rise in its population.

Ride On

relates the successes of precision bombing but also the failure, hidden at the time for political reasons, to deal Saddam moved around Baghdad in old taxis to avoid being spotted. We get Andy McNab's story of the SAS patrol, Bravo Two Zero. And General Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of the British forces, launches his much-trailed diatribe against the Ministry of Defence. The combination of first-hand accounts from so many of the key participants, and intelligent editing, ensures a narrative of pace and authority.

The Larry Sanders Show/Seinfeld

While not precisely a double bill these two American

Return to the Dying Rooms

Too many people chasing too few resources is a genuine problem. A policy little short of murder is not a humane answer. A debate follows at 11pm.

Channel 4, 8.00pm

The chirpy Muriel Gray is back with the transport magazine that seems determined to set new standards in the esoteric. There may be motoring buffs who bother about how much of the classic car is made up of strictly original parts, or wonder how journalists arrive at those unbelievable performance figures. There may be hang-gliding enthusiasts who would like to cheat nature by strapping a lawnmower engine to their backs. For both groups the show will be meat and drink. The rest of us will be more interested in Gray's half-in-jest bid for one of the new rail franchises, in which she demonstrates a few novel cost-cutting measures such as dispensing with station staff and running coaches instead of trains.

The Gulf War: Thunder and Lightning BBC1, 10.45pm

Part two of an enthralling series opens with the Allied bombing of Iraq and the fear in the United States that the country might be enmeshed in another Vietnam. It

BBC2, 11.15pm and 11.40pm

imports, each starting a new run, fit happily together.

Larry Sanders (played by Garry Shandling) is a former stand-up comedian who hosts a television chat show. Jerry Seinfeld (played by himself) is a current stand-up comic who appears on television chat shows. Each pokes fun at the medium which feeds him, though the humour is genial rather than waspish. Seinfeld, which mixes stand-up routines and a sit-com format, probably offers the better value. It certainly has the quirkier material, mixing real characters (such as stars of LA Law and Cheers) with fictional ones and having, in the luckless Kramer, one of television comedy's great oddballs. Peter Waymark .Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (2039712) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw Quiz (s) (4582606) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (6465248) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1239644)

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10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series. Includes 11.00 ITN News Headlines (57470354) 12.20pm London Today (6514793)

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (6828915) 12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (6803606) 1.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (32255151) 1.55 A Country Practice (s) (64518151)

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,7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (1996) 7.30 The investigators. An expose of London's fake fortune tellers (s) (793) 8.00 The Bill: Keeping it in the Family. An ice-cream vendor is assaulted (Teletext) (4204)

8.30 Outside Edge When Roger introduces Clive, a new young member to the team, he gets a chilty reception. (Teletext) (s) (9151)



William Hurt swallows a bitter pill (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: The Doctor (1991). Polgnant drama based clinical surgeon who is diagnosed as having throat cancer. Starring William Hurt, Chinstine Lahti, Mandy Patinkin and Elizabeth Perkin. Directed by Randa Haines. (Teletext) (s) (5422) Continues after the

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (44644)

10.30 London Tonight (760248) 10.40 FILM: The Doctor continued (9495921) 12.05am FILM: White Cargo (1974). A middle-aged civil

servant fantasises about being a superhero. Starring David Jason, Hugh Lloyd, Imogen Hassall and Tim Barreti. Directed by Ray Selfe (7631381) 1.25 Late and Loud. Viewers are invited to a no-holds-barred live debate. Followed by ITN News headlines. (Teletext) (2691774)

2.25 Hotel Babylon hosted by Dani Behr. The guests include Sadie Frost and Liv Tyler (r) (6273478)

3.05 Funny Business (r) (48125768) 3.30 Endsleigh League Extra (r)(5790942)

4.15 Profile (s) (84291774)

4.30 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (85025010) 4.55 The Time ... The Place (r) (s) (1718923) 5.30 ITN Morning News (31229)

6.35am Think Tank (r) (Teletext) (s) (5119977) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (74460)

CHANNEL 4

9.00 Fifteen To One (r) (Teletext) (s) (21793) 9.30 Stand Stiff, Be Fit (r) (s) (3623064) 9.45 FILM: Hudson's Bay (1940, b/w) The lounding of the Hudson's Bay Trading Company with excellent portrayal of French trapper-explorer Pierre Radisson

by Paul Muni. Directed by Irving Pichel. (Telelex) (87937354)

11.30 Living Memory: The 1960s (r) (1625) 12.00 House to House. Political discussion (41557)

12.30pm Sesame Street (60373)

1.30 Ovide Cy gains control (76308002) 1.55 The Goat (b/w). Buster Keaton waits in a queue for bread . . . but are those in front alive? (64516793)

2.20 FILM: Moon Over Milami (1941). Musical starring Betty Grabie and Carole Landis as sisters who come into an inheritance, throw up their jobs, and go in search of husbands. Directed by Walter Land. (Teletext) (968002)

4.00 Backdate with Valerie Singleton (422)

4.30 Countdown (606) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (Teletext) (s)

5.50 Murun Buchstansangur (115170) 6.00 The Avengers; Never, Never Say Die. Steed and Mrs Peel investigate the worrying mystery of walking corpses (r) (Teletext) (87847)

7.00 Channel 4 News including at 7.30 headlines and weather (Teletext) (793118) 7.55 The Slot (592511)



Muriel Gray bids for a rail franchise (8.00pm)

8.00 Ride On (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Brookside. Posie becomes the talk of the Close now she has confessed, and it is the final straw for Eddie. (Teletext) (s) (7793)

9.00 Return to the Dying Rooms.
Disturbing new evidence of abandoned children in China. (Ceefax) (3064)

10.00 Dame Edna's Hollywood. The recal lady is in her

palatial Hollywood home. (Teletext) (6151) 11.00 The Dving Rooms Debate. Sheena McDonald presents a discussion about the controversial issues raised by the distressing documentary, shown earlier, about how babies, and girls in

(633170) 11.50 Nurses: Temporary Setbacks. With Dinah Manoff and Estelle Getty. (Teletext) (s) (744460)

12.20am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Bari v Inter

1.20 The World of Hammer narrated by Oliver Reed (3546836)

1.50 FILM: Texas Terror (1935 b/w) A young John Wayne finds the real baddle when he is falsely accused of killing his best friend. Directed by Robert

Bradbury (2158045) 2.45 The Singing Voice. This film explores the human voice (r) (s) (954478) Ends at 3.45

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Russell loses place as wicketkeeper

England give Stewart the gloves again

JACK RUSSELL has been left out of England's team for the first of seven one-day internationals against South Africa here tomorrow, despite his excellent all-round form in the Test series that ended last week. The gauntlets have returned to Alec Stewart in a side that Raymond Illingworth, the England manager, described as the strongest that could have been picked in the

The decision to overlook Russell, who last played a limited overs game for England five years ago, was taken in the interests of the balance of the side, as was that to select only five specialist batsmen. with Robin Smith giving way to Neil Fairbrother. The lower middle order is filled by three all-rounders. White. Reeve and Neil Smith, who, with Watkinson omitted and Richard Illingworth injured, plays his first match for England as the sole specialist spin bowler. With seven bowlers to share

50 overs and everyone capable of making runs, the result is that England possess the kind of depth of resources that enabled them to do so well during the last World Cup. It is a versatility that South Africa, for one, are keen to emulate. England's last place is filled by Gough, who bowled impressively in his first match for a month on Saturday and was preferred to

Stewart's long-standing role as opening batsman and wicketkeeper in one-day cricket has been rarely contentious but he has recently looked so vulnerable with the bat that it may not survive the series. England, like South Africa, view these matches primarily as preparation for the World Cup and Russell, whose average was only slightly inferior to Stewart in the Tests (28.00 compared to 29.37), may yet

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find himself the first-choice wicketkeeper come the start of that tournament on February

For two teams to meet seven times in 13 days is unprecedented even in the whistle-stop world of one-day cricket. Such a schedule, at venues all over South Africa, will sorely test the stamina and commitment of those who play in every game, although England expect to give a game to all 17 members of their reshuffled

England originally wanted only five matches but accepted seven in exchange for them being held back until after the

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Test series. Too often in the past, limited-overs matches have hindered England's preparations for overseas Test series, with all too predictable

That both sides are more concerned with testing their players than winning the series has not diminished the appetite of the South African public for the one-day game. Today's match, the first of four under floodlights, is sold out Newlands' capacity of 23,000 and the United Cricket Board of South Africa anticipates that it will be a similar

story at other grounds. South Africa are expected to make more imaginative use of

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their specialist wicketkeeper than England. David Richardson's batting is, like Russell's, not suited to the one-day pyrotechnics expected of those positioned from No 6 to No 8 and so he, McMillan and Snell may all at times be used high in the order to take advantage of the fielding restrictions in force during the first 15 overs of an innings, with the natural strokemakers held back until the later It is a strategy England would be wise to look at closely, although judging by the expression on Raymond Illingworth's face at the idea of Neil Smith opening the bat-ting in a one-day match for England — as he does for Warwickshire — it is unlikely

Lynagh gets to grips with a Saracens ball after the announcement that he is to join the club on a three-year contract Photograph: Tony White

Saracens sign Lynagh and chase Sella

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL LYNAGH, rugby union's world record points accumulator, is to join Saracens next season. The London club gleefully confirmed their capture of the former Australia captain yesterday and were even able to offer the captivating morsel that Philippe Sella, of France, could yet join him.

It is the most significant coup the unfashionable Saracens have achieved in their 120-year history. So often living in the shade of Harlequins and Wasps, the acquisition of Lynagh on a three-year contract brings to the club a player of world stature, his achievements fresh in the minds of rugby supporters but also a competitor whose influence on his new colleagues will be huge.

The agreement has been made possible by the cash injection of Nigel Wray, the property businessman whose wealth has turned Saracens into a limited company. Yet even before Wray's £2.5 mil-

lion contribution, announced in November, Saracens were talking to Lynagh about the possibility of a move from Italy where he has played club rugby for Treviso for five

Their timing was perfect. Lynagh, who retired from international rugby after winning his 72nd and last cap in Australia's defeat by England during the World Cup last June, had no firm plans after this season. "It was not a decision I took lightly, but I have always thought it would be lovely to play in London and the innovative ideas Saracens put forward tickled me,* business background is also in property development, the possibilities of an association with Wray

are obvious. It is hard to overemphasise the experience he will bring though when he will bring it remains an issue. As matters stand, Lynagh will have to serve a 180-day residential qualification and he is committed to Treviso until midFACTFILE

1998: Signs three-year contract with Saracans.

May - assuming they are successful in reaching the

Italian dub championship final. He hopes to be married to his Italian fiancée, Isabella, during the summer but is keen

to take up residence in London

early enough to get to know the environs of Southgate

thoroughly. If, indeed, Sara-

season. Wray spoke yesterday of playing rugby in a new arena, one better suited to the ambitions of a club seeking a place in Europe, either via ground-sharing scheme or by developing a derelict stadium. Lynagh's internation:1

cens are still at Southgate next assisting the club to attract the

career began in 1984, when le also played in the Australa team to achieve a grand slan on tour in Britain and Irelard. It included a key role in the 1991 team that won the Word Cup and ended, loaded wih honours, as Australia's starioff half and captain, and oe of the world's great decisio-

Though he has had diffeences of opinion with the

makers.

Australian rugby establisment, Lynagh's loyalty is uquestioned - he has playd only for Brisbane Universit, Queensland and, during the northern hemisphere season, Treviso. This will be a nev challenge and I'm looking forward to contributing to the

success of Saracens," he said

"Apart from playing to the best of my ability. I see mysel

people of this town to come and watch rugby. We will have to play good rugby to attract them, and offer good facilities to look after them. I can also share with the players some of my knowledge, from a southern hemisphere and international perspective."

There should be consider able commercial spin-off for Saracens who also see Lynagh as a significant attraction for their junior members. "It's important for the ideas Nigel has that there are good juniors at the club." Lynagh said. It is also important to Saracens that they do not lose their place in the first division this season; Lynagh watched their defeat by Wasps last Saturday which leaves them third from bottom.

"We are very keen to make Saracens one of the finest clubs in Europe," Mike Smith. their chief executive-designate. said. To that end, negotiations continue with Sella, the most capped player in the world, who has expressed his hope of playing a season in London.

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Clubs fight Uefa 'foreigners' rule BY JOHN GOODBODY

AND PETER BALL

to be adopted in the near

Smith is not the only spin-

ner who should make his debut today: so, too, should Paul Adams in front of an adoring home crowd. In his

brief one-day career, Adams

has proved economical and

could have a key role to play in

the World Cup on the slow pitches of the Asian sub-

The teams have met only four times before, twice during the World Cup in 1992 and

twice in England two years

later. England won all four

matches, most famously the

World Cup semi-final in Syd-

ney when rain interrupted the

game with South Africa re-

quiring 22 runs from 13 balls,

which the rule governing rain-

breaks revised to 21 from one

For this series, for which no

extra days have been set aside

to cater for rain, a new system

has been introduced. Based on

a method devised by a school-

boy from - as chance would

have it - Cape Town, where it

did rain yesterday, it is so

complex that a computer is

required to perform the recal-

culations and even Professor Stephen Hawking would struggle to explain it briefly. It

should, though, eliminate the

risk of further farce and may

be used in the World Cup.

MANCHESTER United will join other leading continental clubs in a meeting with Uefa next month to demand that they field as many European Union (EU) nationals as they wish in the three cup competitions. There is an implied threat that the clubs, which would have the backing of the European Court of Justice. could break away from European football's governing body, if it refuses to follow the ruling of the Bosman decision that the present Uefa regulations are Maurice Watkins, a director and the

solicitor of United, said yesterday: "We have never been able to play the team that won the championship in Europe so we are very concerned about the position. Under Uela's regulations, a club can only field three foreigner players plus two "assimilated" players for European cup competitions. An assimilated player is one who has lived in the country for five

years or who has played in that club's youth team, in the ruling on Jean-Marc Bosman last month, the European Court reiterated the regulations of the 1957 Treaty of Rome, which emphasises the free movement of labour within the EU. No organisation or country can place a limit on the number of EU nationals appearing for clubs.

Uefa has refused to alter its regulations for this season's competitions, in which

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only Nottingham Forest survive of the English clubs. However, the FA Premier League, which will be meeting with the European Commission in Brussels on Thursday, has already changed its own regulations to comply with the Court's

Watkins said: "How Uefa has interpreted it is totally wrong. We tackled them on it pre-Bosman but they are still trying to

should react to this decision in a considered manner. That would be helpful for everyone. We have the legal ruling and we have to abide by it."

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was in Italy at the weekend to watch Milan play Sampdoria as part of Gazetta dello Sport's centenary celebrations, amid rumours that he was interested in signing Zvonimir Boban, Milan's midfield player, for a reported £4 million.

Ferguson discovered yesterday that he would have 24 hours fewer to prepare for his side's FA Cup visit to Sunderland than anticipated. Sky has selected the game as its televised third round replay, and it has been moved forward to Tuesday, January 16. On the same night, Sheffield United and Arsenal meet to decide which club will host the BBC cameras in the fourth round, the BBC selecting Aston Villa's visit to Bramall Lane or Highbury for its live game on Sunday, January 28. Sky will show Queens Park Rangers' match with Chelsea or Newcastle the next night.

Trainer guilty of mistaken identity

punter from Sutton-In-Ashford, felt angry with himself as the 5-2 chance he backed with E700 beat a retreat in the 2.15 at Southwell yesterday. His rage settled on a different target when he learnt all too late, that Taniyar was not the horse described in the official

racecard. For the quadruped innocently masquerading as Taniyar was his inferior stablemate, Loch Style, who was at Southwell to compete in a later race. It was some time before Reg Hollinshead, who trains both horses, realised he had perpetrated a case of

mistaken identity. Marshall, unsurprisingly, found little trace of humour within the farce. "It's an absolute disgrace," he said. "I would never have backed the horse if I'd known it was the Julian Muscat on the strange affair of the interloper in the 2.15 at Southwell

other one. It would have been a 33-1 chance at least."

Not quite a pantomime horse, Loch Style had no chance of landing the 12-furlong Waterford Median Auction Maiden Stakes under the guise of Taniyar. Loch Style is a year younger, and only has enough stamina for races at around seven furlongs. As Ray Cochrane, who rode the horse, later told Hollinshead: That horse wouldn't have stayed a mile in a horsebox."

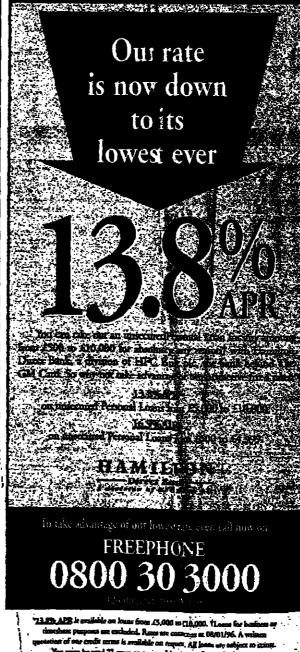
Punters "in the know" could have made a killing; the real Taniyar was perceived as the sole danger to the favourite. Yougo. who duly romped to victory. Off-course bookmakers quickly acknowledged there was no sinister iment on Hollinshead's part. They treated all bets on Taniyar in the non-runner category. Those, like Marshall, who backed the horse at Southwell, were left licking

their financial wounds. "I can only apologise to punters who have had a few quid on," Hollinshead, a racehorse trainer for more than 40 years, said. "It was just an unfortunate error." He added that the confusion arose because the horses are of similar size and shape.

The Southwell stewards are to send a report of the incident to the Jockey Club, whose officials will decide whether



Hollinshead. 72, should sit before the disciplinary committee. William Nunneley, the stewards' secretary at Southwell, was as bemused as anyone. The trainer was very honest. Thank God the horse involved didn't win."



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Antioxidants: the key to a long life?

HOW NUTRITION AFFECTS AGEING

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Pang's habit is now shar by millions of people whotart the day with a hand of pills. Is it just hypcondria, or will the pills helpnem to prolong their lives nding off cancer, heart dise and brain deterioration he evidence isn't completer conclusive, but what

then is mostly encouraging. Rottly the focus has begun shift from vitamins to othesubstances in plants, know as phytochemicals or protive factors. There may be hidreds of such factors, mantill unidentified, which coulibe as important as vitars in countering the proces that damage cells and i to disease.

Taquercetin, for example, a chical found in onions, tomas, berries, olive oil, red winend tea. Dr Michael Hert of the Dutch National Instit of Public Health, repot last year that quercetin : similar compounds coulcip to explain the large differes in heart disease betwidifferent countries.

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Eveince the pioneering studid Dr Ancel Keys in the 1950sd 1960s, these differencesve provided the basis for comming saturated fats. Study Dr Keys concluded that ias the differences in plain why Mediterranean count enjoyed such low rates eart disease.

Dr Hertog has looked again at the seven nations in the study and found that the amounts of quercetin and other similar compounds (mown collectively as flavonoids) in their diets ranged from 6mg a day in Finland to 64mg a day in Japan. The more that was eaten, the lower the risk of dying of a heart

So could the differences in heart disease be the result of the flavonoids as well as, or rather than, the fats? Epidemidiogical studies, again in Holand, lend some support. In

'All forms

of alcohol are equally effective, in moderate doses, in reducing

800 elderly Dutch men, the group who consumed most flavonoids were 60 per cent less likely to die of beart disease within five years than those who consumed least. In middle-aged men, the risk of stroke was reduced by the same amount.

heart disease'

According to Dr Hertog, 90 per cent of the variation in mortality rates in the Seven Nations Study could be accounted for by just three variables: smoking, saturated fats and flavonoids. At the Institute of Food

Research in Norwich, Dr.

Gary Williamson is trying to discover how flavonoids and other protective factors work. "Without doubt they provide some benefit, but how much. and by what mechanism, we don't yet know," he says.

Dr Williamson identifies three different types of compound that may be important: the vitamins C and E and hetacarotene (which is converted into vitamin A in the body), the flavonoids, and the sulphurcontaining compounds that are found in onions and brassicas, Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and cauliflower are rich sources of this last group, which in animal studies have been shown to cut the risks of cancer.

Vitamins and protective factors are believed to work by quenching the activities of highly-reactive chemical species produced by the body's

These so-called "free radicals" contain oxygen in an active form which can damage genetic material. Among their jobs is the destruction of bacteria, parasites and virusinfected cells, so they are certainly useful in fighting infections. But they can also damage healthy cells.

Professor Bruce Ames, of the University of California at Berkeley, has estimated that the DNA in every cell in the body takes about 10.000 "hits" a day from oxygen free radicals. The DNA repair system is highly reliable and can put most of them right, but over time damage accumulates. In two-year-old rats there are about two million DNA lesions per cell, twice as many as in young rats.

Mutations tend to accumu-



To prevent dramatic facelifts like that in Terry Gilliam's film Brazil, doctors recommend a diet rich in vitamins and phytochemicals

ing the blocking of the arteries.

But the evidence seems to be

that all forms of alcohol are

theory goes — the process may be speeded up or slowed down by diet or behaviour. Smoking increases the rate of oxidation damage, and depletes the natural defences. But eating foods high in antioxidants, such as vitamins C and E, beta-caroselenium or the tene. phytochemicals - reduces the

risk of damage.

The process of oxidative damage underlies many of the changes that take place as we age. In rats, a severely restricted diet prolongs life, a change that Professor Ames attributes

He has found that rats raised on a barely adequate diet have less oxidised protein and fewer DNA lesions.

A possible explanation may be that when there is little food available, rats delay sexual maturity and devote more of their resources to the maintenance of their body. This could explain why they seem to show lower levels of cell damage, but near-starvation is not a course that could be recommended, or would be followed. by human beings.

Some physicians believe

Walker, senior lecturer in wine may be due to protective factors derived from the human nutrition at Reading grapes from which they are University, says, "If we could rectify this and get people to made. Experiments have shown that the phenois found increase their intake of fruit and vegetables to five servings in wine can limit the oxidation per day, we would see a great of the low-density lipoprotein in the bloodstream, which reduction in chronic disease." would have the effect of slow-The only practical way to

equally effective in moderate doses in reducing heart trials show overdoses of vita "There's no doubt that our mins can help. In a group of main dietary problem is lack of antioxidants," Dr Anne 22,000 American doctors, those with minor signs of

heart disease who took 50mg of beta-carotene every two days - ten times the recommended level - had 50 per cent fewer heart attacks. Not all trials, it should be

said, show similarly good results, but for those who are persuaded, the only way to achieve these high levels of increase antioxidants even furantioxidants is by taking vitather is to take vitamin supplements. While many doctors min supplements. dismiss such pills as just a way So far, there are no pills on of producing expensive urine, the market containing phyto-

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which are thought to help to prevent disease. The protein in it discourages, v even help to reverse, car cular disease by reducing the levels of "bad" cholesterol (the sort that clogs the

arteries) while boosting levels of the good" sort. It also conserves calcium, unlike the protein from meat, helping to prevent

osteoporosis, a problem which often occurs in older women. Two amino-acids in soya -- glycine

blood and help to keep sugar levels on an even keel. This guards against the problems of excessive weight gain and e-related diabetes.

Soya appears to be the nearest thing we have to an anti-cancer food. One chemical found in the bean - a molecule that inhibits an enzyme which breaks down certain proteins - has been heralded by some US researchers as "a universal cancer preventative agent". Another blocks an enzyme which turns on the genes which cancerous cells use to create new blood vessels to feed them. Hence, it effectively nips potential tumours in the bud.

Breast cancer has been found to be reduced by about 65 per cent in people who eat large quantities of sova. This cancer is particularly sensitive to the effects of oestrogen, which speeds up its

Manchester and Hong Kong universities has identified chemicals in soya bean which resemble oestrogen - but instead of stimulating hormone-sensitive cancers these chemicals inhibit

It is believed that the plant-derived hormone is chemically similar enough to the sort produced in the body to latch on to the oestrogen receptors in the

breast tissue, blocking off the body's own hormone. However, these chemicals are not similar enough to encourage cell division, so they have a protective

The natural oestrogen in soya also gives protection against prostate cancer,

To benefit from the anti-ageing effects of soya it is important to eat the protein. This is found in tofu, textured soya protein, soya flour, soya milk, and of course, the whole bean. Unfortunately, soy sauce and soyabean oil contain very few of the magic ingredients.

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A fresh diet healthy body

WHICH FOODS TO EAT

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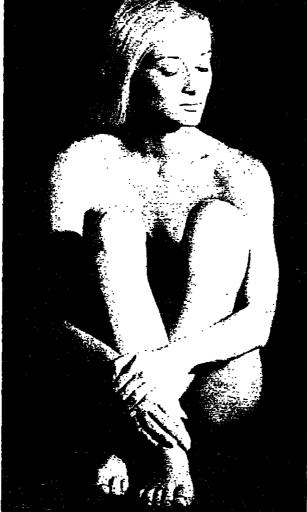
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Patotherapy involves using occas a form of medicine. dar: foods contain chemicals - apart from antioxidants which protect against agerelated diseases. Cheese, fish, and nuts, for example, contain high levels of calcium which protects against osteoporosis. More than 300 foods contain a type of oestrogen which is thought to help to prevent breast and prostate cancers and heart disease. High-fibre foods such as vegetables and wholegrains also help to protect against several types of cancer, as do foods rich in selenium (nuts. tuna. liver). zinc (oysters, crabmeat, pumpkin seeds) and magnesium

(nuts, yeast and brown rice). Your risk of heart disease and colon cancer can be reduced by taking a small daily dose of aspirin. Alternatively, you can find a natural aspirinlike compound in blueberries, charries, currants, curry powder and dried dates. Senile dementia may be prevented by a diet rich in B vitamins (yeast, meat. eggs) while late-onset diabetes can usually be controlled by a diet low in sugar

and high in fibre. Men who want to keep their sperm agile and plentiful can help by eating lots of vitamin C-rich foods (all fruit and vegetables). Heart disease is largely a diet-related problem: a low-fat, high-fibre diet will cut the risk dramatically.

Again there is no need to memorise each individual food component: as with antioxidants, it is enough simply to eat a Mediterranean-type



Your choice of foods is important in looking young

diet, with a few additions to take account of individual susceptibility.

If, for example, you are small, frail and female, you may do well to eat extra dairy products in order to boost your level of calcium.

It is also worth remembering that enjoying food is important. Some experts even think the health benefits from the release of endorphins -brain chemicals which make you feel happy - which comes

from eating an occasional nice-but-naughty snack may outweigh the bad effect of the sugar-laden fat in the treat

So the simple rules for eating are: eat less; eat fresh; eat roughage; eat less fat. less sugar and more fish and more grains. Plus, of course, eat a little of what you fancy. That way, with a little luck, you too will live to be as old as granny.

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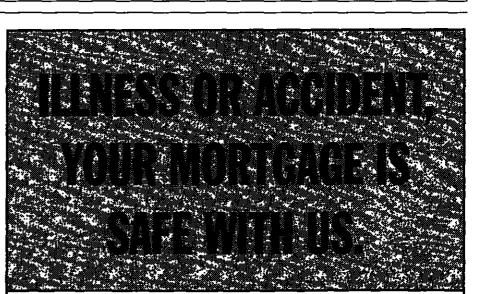
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Architect gets back to the drawing board

A new drug is reducing the severe pain of bone cancer

resident Mitterrand died after a prolonged battle against cancer of the prostate. In many Western countries, this is already the second most common cancer to cause death in men - and a recent report suggested that, in the next 20 years, its incidence would double.

in Mitterrand's case, as usually happens with cancer of the prostate, the tumour spread to his bones. The pain from cancer of the bone in these cases is usually treated initially with hormonal therapy and/or direct radiotherapy, which shrivels the tumours. In the past, the pain has often proved intrac-table once radiotherapy and hormonal treatment have lost their power. Narcotics, although helpful, are not as effective as they

Yet the news is not all gloomy. Early diagnosis of cancer of the proseasier since the introduction of the PSA (prostatic specific antigen) blood test, which helps doctors to distin-

are in many other

STUTTAFORD guish benign from malignant enlargement of the gland. Treatment is improving, and now Metastron strontium 89 chloride, a radiotracer - is being marketed for the relief of bone pain once it is no longer controlled by other means.

Metastron has the advantage of reaching all the bony possible to give localised radiotherapy to each one. It is administered in outpatients departments as a single intravenous infusion, and the patient notices few if any side-effects.

At present. Metastron is prescribed for the relief of pain only at a late stage of disease, when the tumour control. Used in this way, the drug seems to have had no statistical effect on longterm survival - but its injection, as well as relieving pain in existing bony tumours, does result in a striking reduction in the number of new sites where pain might develop, and thereby improves quality of

One 50-year-old architect is very grateful for the advent of Metastron. He was suffering severe pain from prostatic cancer which

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had spread to his skull and spine. It was so bad that he could no longer sit at his desk or dining-room table, or in his car. Around the house he was confined to a transported to hospital only by ambulance, had not been in work for months and had lost his appetite. Fifteen ment he is free from pain, looks plump, is back at work and, amazingly, has re-sumed his morning PT. His PSA has fallen from 140.8 to

Few patients can expect to respond quite so dramatically to Metastron, but 20 per cent with painful bony secondary tumours will lose all powerful painkillers and be

return to work. Another 60 per cent will obtain some relief, but in 20 per cent of cases there is disappointingly no

Effective pain relief from each injection lasts for six months on aver-DR THOMAS age, but treatment can be repeated at quarterly intervals

In Britain manufactured Amersham Health Care and distributed by Zenica (for-merly ICI), is licensed only for use in cases of advanced cancer of the prostate - but enough patients have responded in the same way as the architect to warrant research into its use earlier in the course of the disease. Trials are now being carried out to test Metastron's value if given immediately after diagnosis, or if the PSA

n America, the Food and Drug Administration has given approval for the use of Metastron for the bony cancer. A recent report from Amersham Health Care shows that in the US. 30 per cent of the Metastron imported is used to treat advanced breast cancer, and that it is also frequently prescribed for patients with

In Britain, if specialist doctors want to give Metastron to patients who are suffering from forms of cancer other than prostatic turnours, they can do so if they make special arrangements with the authorities.

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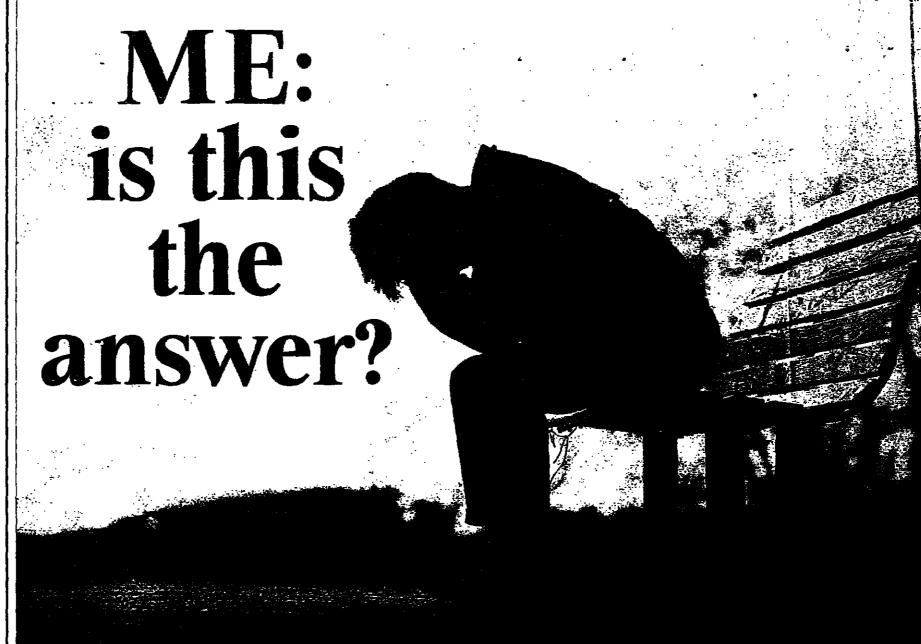
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The space programme showed that enforced inactivity causes drastic changes to muscle and bone, as well as increasing depression. Now more active treatment is recommended

MYALGIC encephalomyelitis (ME), or chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) as we should ufferers from ME are usually now call it, is usually ordered to do nothing but rest. Dr Simon Wessely describes an alternative showing good results

characterised as controversial. difficult to diagnose, debilitat-ing and difficult to treat. The first three are true, but reports that sufferers have little to look forward to other than years of disability are happily being contradicted. At last doctors can report promising Turn to any medical text-

book and, if they mention CFS at all, it will be with such phrases as "symptomatic management" or "supportive starts to rise after treatment. treatment" - medical euphemisms for nothing much to be done. Turn to the popular literature and you will usually also find nothing or, to be more precise, injunctions to do nothing. I was recently sent an American book that advertised itself as the Official Handbook of the CFS Network. It contained a section called "Rest, rest and more rest", and introduced something known as "Aggressive rest therapy". Nowadays few British self-help guides would go that far, but rest remains at the centre of advice given to

sufferers. Unfortunately, like any other treatment, rest is not without its side-effects. Since the days of the space programme scientists have documented the drastic changes that happen to muscle, bone and heart from enforced rest - muscles can alter their biochemistry and metabolism within hours of enforced inactivity. The psychological consequences are as profound — frustration. fear, demoralisation and depression. About 50 per cent of the CFS parients we see in our specialist clinic are depressed - I am sometimes surprised it

Sufferers are told so emphatically to rest because in the short term rest works - it reduces symptoms. The cost is long-term problems. Too often we see people in whom overzealous advice to rest has turned what might have been

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a self-limiting illness into a long battle with disability. But this week's British Medical Journal brings some

hope. Researchers the and Psychiatry at Oxford University have published a trolled trial of a structured rehabilitation

symptoms — but only gramme for CFS. One year later 73 per cent of those short term receiving the active treatment had

done well, with the attainment of near normal functioning, compared with only 23 per cent of those receiving standard medical

The treatment icalled cognitive behaviour therapy) is based on a very simple idea that regardless of what starts an illness, which in this case might be glandular fever. stress or an unknown cause. something else may be the reason why people fail to recover. It is also pragmatic therapist and patient work together in experiments to see what actually helps.

This is not the first time cognitive behaviour therapy has been used to treat CFS, but Dr Michael Sharpe and his

Oxford team have provided a randomised controlled trial. It is not a flash in the pan either
— at King's College Hospital my colleagues and I have also completed a controlled trial of same treatment with

equally promising results. The treatment begins with an interview which may last

up to three hours with each patient. full history. listening carefully and providing sensible ten it is the first time that the patient's condition has been taken seriously, and it is an essential part of

building confi-

dence. The next stage is to try to introduce some predictability and consistency into sufferers' lives. Nearly everyone that I see with chronic fatigue has adonted their own particular method of coping with the illness. They tend to rest for a few hours or days, in the belief that this saves up energy (unfortunately energy is not a commodity that can be rationed in this manner). This is followed by a burst of activity, often out of frustration more than anything else. This leads to a period of exhaustion, necessitating more days or even weeks of rest, until another

burst is attempted. Sufferers can remain in this state, yo-yoing from too much

to too little activity, for years. The treatment offers a way out by balancing activity and rest. No more doing too much, so no need to do too little either. Only then, when the sufferer feels comfortable, is it time to start a programme of cautious, planned increases in activity, spread over weeks and months. It is also important to consider the psychological side of the illness — are there emotional factors such as fear or depression which need treatment?

This is not a panacea or miracle cure, and it doesn't work for everyone. But it does offer a realistic and safe method of improving the quality of life and starting sufferers on the road back to health.

that the results do not tell us the cause of CFS, but instead indicate that disability in patients with the condition is not fixed, and that a return to relatively normal functioning is possible for the majority.

iven the controversial nature of chronic fatigue syndrome, not everyone will welcome this news. Those doctors who don't believe it exists will see this as much ado about nothing. From the opposite side some activists will view it as a thinly disguised way of saying CFS is "all in the mind". Both views, curiously alike in their denigration of any illness or treatment that needs more complex explanations than a simple virus, are ill-informed and

unheloful It would be encouraging to think that such prejudices will be overcome by the evidence of two randomised trials.

 Dr Simon Wesselv is director of the CFS Research Unit at King's College Hospital, Patients wishing to be seen at the unit need an

usan was a 24-year-old librarian referred by her GP with a four year history of severe physical and mental fatigue after glandular fever. She had been unable to work for the past year, and was now living with her parents. She spent most of the day resting on or in bed, or watching television. She found it difficult to concentrate, and had little in the way of social life. Although she was previous-

Her sleep was poor, and rarely usually needed to "catch up" by sleeping late in for bursts the morning and of activity taking naps in the afternoon. with an She was exhausted by minimal increase exertion — activities such as wash-

ing her hair. sitting up in a chair, holding a cup or talking to her family. She occasionally had "good days" when she would visit her friends or go to the shops, but always paid for such bursts of activity with an increase in fatigue and muscle pain.

She was willing to attempt a cognitive behavioural approach, but admitted she had little confidence in it. since after repeated, unsuccessful attempts to resume a normal life, she felt frustrated and demoralised, and believed she would have to resign herself to living within strict limits

The initial set of targets

parents included wall around the garden unai for two minutes three til a day, standing up to m herself a hot drink times a day, and chattin a friend on the telephon ten minutes daily. We as ber to get up at 10.30am. not to nap during the This proved very difficu her sleep at night. Desp slow start she made inci

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day Her fatigue had reds although it never went a completely. She wast more optimistic about future, and was more ce dept that she would ber to manage her sympton She was followed up a further six months, due which time she continue carry out a self-dire treatment programme

year later she had left in and was studying moi agreed with Susan and her languages at college.

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Dr Bruce Charlton on the mystery of the rise in coronary heart disease The heart epidemic that never was

there has been an epidemic of coronary heart disease (CHD) countries. Hardly diagnosed at the beginning of the century, heart disease is the commonest cause of death.

Most true epidemies are the result of exposure to a new environmental hazard such as an infectious disease or a toxin. But despite vast research efforts, nothing convincing has ever emerged to explain either the rise of heart disease or its current rapid

But what if there never was an epidemic? What if the rise in CHD were due not to a new health hazard, but to the removal of old ones? This is what William Stehbens, Prolessor of Pathology from Wellington, New Zealand, claims in an article in the latest issue

of Medical Hypotheses.
As befits a pathologist. Prolessor Stehbens subjects the evidence to rigorous post-mortem analysis. It is difficult to establish the reality of evera a contemporary, supposed acute epidemic (such as meningitis or asthma), because of problems with unreliable data collection, changes in diagnostic sensitivity and public

Checking heart rate did health improvements cause the rise in strokes and coronaries? awareness, and advances in clinical and laboratory practice. When such difficulties are spread over many years, he argues that the sources of inaccuracy multiply and render data virtually useless.

And most of the evidence to suggest a CHD epidemic comes from death certificates. a source of data with a poor reputation for quality. Indeed. Professor Alvan Feinstein of Yale University has called for an end to such research. declaring the results to be merely "processed garbage". But it still remains to explain the fact that CHD mor-

century. If it was not an epidemic, then what was the cause? Professor Stehbens suggests that the increased mortality rate from CHD was actually a consequence of health improvements. More people now live to an age where hardening of the arter-

ies becomes a problem --leading to a great likelihood of heart attacks and strokes. And since the introduction of antibiotics fewer people die of infectious disease, so that deaths from other causes (including CHD) were almost

apparent risk of dying from a heart attack went up only because the risk of getting other diseases went down. Whether this is sufficient to explain the whole CHD epidemic is uncertain - it may imply that the rise was real but smaller than believed.

But Professor Stehbens shows the extreme difficulty of understanding historical trends in disease. Claims of long-term changes in mortality are frequently rhetoric rather than reportage.

■ Dr Bruce Charlton is a lecturer in epidemiology and public health at the University of Newcastle

Why home-school contracts will fail our children



soon have to sign agreements to ensure their children attend school and do homework. But there is a serious flaw, says Nigella

he most blistering at tack the Conserva tives have been abl to make on Labour arty policy until now is that a) it doesn't exist, or (b) it tolen from them. The obv xusly cackhanded disagree nent about which is the mon convincing line to take tell one something in itself. On should, really, be able to tel the difference and would ce tainly be better advised, if no to pretend one could.

Now John Major, having seen how successful Ton Blair has been with strates b), has decided to plump for bit of cross-party policy-pindng himself. Some time ap, he Labour Party proposeda orm of home-school contract, y which parents would agee o do their bit to ensure thir hildren's attendance at schol nd make sure they completed he work set for them at hope. low the Tories

ave hazily let it be nown that, under State eir plans, parents be obliged to chools gn formal conacts with the dn't just teacher of teir child's school. Officially, not pipils they ten said about iese contracts in reir Conservative unifestation, but

iis not that alone vich makes me concludithat nat we are seeing here; the ercising of option (a). It is not that contracts ren't great idea. Most peole —

rany head teachers along - are convinced that intracts are a Good hing. irents must take resonsility for their children con- which is not neessarse blame — and be wifing to ecept that they do have role play in ensuring their

nildren turn up for scipol, do ne work the school set them nd abide by the rules, ot just f school, but of socier. Parnts bring their childrn into he world and have alluty to equip them for it as but they an. Teachers are tere to each class, but parents are here to teach something even more far-reaching.

But the only sort of ontract that can work is, in effect, a verbal one, the set Sam Goldwyn described as not worth the paper it's witten on. Sounds emanating from No 10 suggest that something a little more stringent is estrable: Mr Major would appear to want a formal contact to be offered by schools aid signed by parents as a condition for admission to them.

Thus, the whole

Parents could Lawson

won't work. It can't work. Local authorities are under an obligation to educate the children in their constituency and that obligation cannot be waived simply because par-ents won't sign a piece of paper promising to oversee Junior's homework. If we are beginning to say that children of negligent parents don't de-serve to be educated, then why are we even pretending to have a universal state education system? Although, come to think of it, we are not pretending very hard at the

All private day-schools issue a contract to parents in one shape or form, although more often than not the only signatures required are scrawled parental initials to confirm nightly that the required amount of homework-time has been spent. For the rest, the obligations of the child and

the parent are made clear on admission. And it all works beautifully. Now, I can see the point of trying to make the population as a whole emulate the anxious pushiness of middle-class parent. Or rather, I can see why the effect this would have might seem

attractive, but the considerations are rather different. And, quite apart from anything else, the difference between a fee-paying school. and a state one is that a private school can refuse entry or later eject anyone it doesn't wish to include among its number. A state school cannot just expel a wouldn't change anything.

The flaw in the Major version of the home-school contract is that the only effect that removing "undesirable" pupils from certain schools would have would be, momentarily, to improve the averages at that particular school.

For a man so fond of league tables and charters. I can see the attraction. But, in fact, all this drawing up of contracts by the chartering classes so far has not, for example, stopped your train running late or ensured you get your hip operation in time. All it has done is provide a conduit for

your discontent. If a child whose parents will not comply is removed from one school, then another school must take him or her. The idea that all state schools can be turned into St Paul's just by getting rid of those with bad performances or poor attitudes (or those of their parents) is ludicrous - and irresponsible. All it does is



pelled children have to go somewhere, and the one place you don't want them is on the

r Blair's proposal for some sort good faith on the part of parents, in exchange for a declaration of duties by the teachers, is obviously right in principle, but beyond that one wonders whether it will have any effect whatsoever. That is to say, those parents who are in agreement are probably doing their bit aiready, and those who don't care are not going to be turned into Ma and Pa Walton at the Labour leader's

The real difficulty, and this is something that no politician, whether red or blue -- or, as it might be, pink or grey - could broach, is that the whole ethos of this country is anti-intellec-

about educational standards, but only among the English is a desire for educational attainment so peculiarly thought of as middle-class ponciness. The poorest immigrant family will urge their children to study in school and study at home. And school results bear this out. Only the English will, as a point of pride, disdain all efforts to improve oneself as swank or pretension. Interestingly, the Scottish are not like that: perhaps that is the key to

Mr Blair's strength. That apart, if Mr Major really thinks that the solution lies with a contract, then perhaps he should consider taking out the other sort of contract. The only quick way

once and for all would be to issue all head teachers with machineguns and get them to round up the difficult and undesirable pupils in the playground at break and take

When ethnic origins cause mental problems

Quentin Letts on the official

recognition of cultural ailments

t is official: Latins are excitable, West Indians are prone to inaction, and Malays tend to run amok. The American Psychiatric Association (APA) has for the first time notified its members that people of different cultural backgrounds can have different mental problems.

In a new set of guidelines, the association has stated that mental-health experts should in future consider patients' cultural and ethnic origins before diagnosis or treatment. The news, unpalatable as it might be to America's melting-pot race theorists, is a triumph for a New York psychiatrist who has long campaigned for cultural diagnosis. Dr Juan Mezzich, 49,

works at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, but was born and bred in Peru. His origins have given him a sympathy for the sort of psychiatric wobbles that can afflict people of strong cultural identities, even when living in the West For South America is the land of susto (soui loss) and ataque de nervios (attack of the nerves), when unhappiness and sickness are caused by true or imaginary terrors.

To the Western-trained

clinician these illnesses may sound like bunkum. But they are to be taken seriously. A list of cultural syndromes has appeared in the latest Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Mental Disorders, published by the APA.

t reads not unlike the notebook of a Victorian explorer. Listed are such mental ailments as Malaysian koro (the sexual organ, because of intense anxiety, will recede into the body and possibly cause death) and West African brain fag (mental fatigue, leading to blurred vision and depression). Even the Japanese, often perceived as cool to the point of impermeability, have a cultural syndrome, taijin kyofusho, which is effectively a dread of embarrass-

Dr Mezzich, who chairs the cultural diagnosis committee of America's National Institute of Mental Health, argues that there is nothing racist in the description of such illnesses. 'It is simply that culture informs disorders," he says. In the US and other Western countries, for in-

stance, cultural diagnostic

ders. These can be ascribed to the West's emphasis on personal image. To treat these illnesses you must understand the culture, say the experts.

Recommended treatment involves surrounding the patient with family or members of the same ethnic origins, who will under-stand what the patient is going through. Dr Mezzich took this course with a South American patient suffering from susto after the death of a favourite uncle. Dr Mezzich realised that in her culture it was traditional for group mourning to be held on the death of a close friend or relation. He duly rallied the



Latins tend to excitability

woman's family. A wake was held and within days the woman was on the road to recovery.

How about the British? "In London, you are likely to have cultural syndromes as much as in a city like New York, says Dr Mezaich. British phlegm may present its own problems, but we have nothing as spectacular as, for example, the Chinese shen-kuei ("life-threatening" loss of semen, caused by anxiety). However, "these illnesses occur not only in distant lands," says Dr Mezzich. They are also here in the suburbs."

And those Malays? The old staff style-book of one national newspaper, in an effort to cut cliché-mongering, used to instruct rookie reporters that "only Malays can run amok". The association's manual takes a different line. The Malays are prone to "a period of broad ing followed by an outburst of aggressive or homicidal behaviour". But it adds that the syndrome is also detected in the denizens of Laos. the Philippines, Polynesia. Papua New Guinea, Puerto Rico and among the Navajo Indians. There is a lot of it

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Giles Coren in search of a new social group: the schmooseoisie

AFTER THE Yumies and the Nimbys, the Dwins, Wasps, and Simpkins, you might have thought wehad had all the American social classifications we could handle. However, we are about to witness the ascendancy for of a mere group, but of a rew class, one

of which Karl Marx never dreamt: the schmooseoisie.

They are with us already, and you know them: Angus Deayton, Clive Anderson, Wogan, Aspel, Tony Blair. Melvyn Bragg, anyone who appears on This Morning. For them, to schmooze is to live.

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rapidly expanding class which makes its living by talk, on radio or television," says Anne Soukhanov, executive editor of the American Heritage Dictionary, who legitimised the word in her book of new comages, Word Watch, pub-

lished in America last "It was coined in the Boston Globe in 1992, by a Professor of English called Paul Lewis," she says. "The US media caught on and it is now common currency." It is already beginning to take hold in Britain. So

what does it mean? There is a problem with translation, in that it is a mongrel portmanteau word drawn from Yiddish-American slang and French. Schmooze cannot adequately be rendered as gossip (with a hint of "buttering up") any more than schlep, or schmaltz, or shtick can be expressed

concisely in English. Nor are there set rules on spelling — schmoos, schmooz. schmuss, schmoose are all equally admissible. It suggests talking because you think you are good at it, think it might be advantageous to you, and have nothing better to do. For

the schmooseoisie, it is the locus of power. "A huge sector of middleclass Americans is fixated

sible as it is undesirable.

Rightly, we tend to think that it

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tors to go about creating ever-

new categories of criminal.

And the idea of forcing parents

to police their children as they

themselves are being policed

by the State is ridiculous and

rebarbative. But still, I do

think on balance it is probably

better to state out loud what

one thinks everyone's rights

and duties are, and what they

with talking," says Ms Soukhanov. "Newstalk radio is the most popular kind of show, Oprah is the schmooze queen and the Government is all



Edwina Currie and Angus Deayton

schmooseiocrats, taking trillions and giving back talk. Gore and Clinton schmooze, Reagan never did."

The same model can be applied in Britain. Tony Blair schmooseoisie, but the Prime Minister is not. Largely because Blair, like Clinton, is capable of doing it. Major, like Reagan, is not.

And there is a hierarchy. At the top are the schmooseiocrats, the politicians always ready to chat on television: John Prescott. Тегеза Gorman, Edwina Currie, John Redwood. Then the chat monarchs: Frost, Wogan, Aspel, Bragg, Rantzen, Anderson. And, of course, Angus Deayton, whose show might as well be called Have I Got Schmooze For You?.

The rank below takes in habitual "guests" — Peter Stringfellow, Willie Rushton, Rabbi Hugo Grinn, Fiona Fullerton - and lesser chat gurus Lovd Grossman, Kilrov and Anne Robinson. Below them are the phone-

Ms Soukhanov also offers a name i would not dare propose. "The Princess of Wales has joined your schmooseoisie. She used talk to try to improve her position.

And Charles did the same." iocracy is nothing new. Think of King Lear. Did not Goneril and Regan schmooze their way to a share of the kingdom while Cordelia stood silent and relinquished Britain to the dark clutches of the

schmooseoisie? In a classless society, with a fragile monarchy, we are entering an age when one's rank in the schmooseiocracy is allimportant. Beware the trage-

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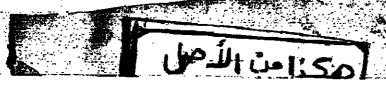
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Mitterrand, the French Machiavelli

Charles Bremner on the

illusionist who bewitched France

Searching for the mea-sure of François Mitter-rand yesterday. French relevision made much of a remark by Baroness Thatcher. The woman whom the former French President once defined as a blend of Caligula and Marilyn Monroe was quoted as calling him one of the few men who had never betrayed her. For all their duelling over Europe, she has never forgot-ten a Saturday in 1982 when the Socialist President brushed aside the advisers who wanted to make capital with the Third World and sided with London rather than Argentina over the Falklands.

That act was deemed a betrayal by much of the French Left, the force which Mitterrand had harnessed to carry him to power. But betrayal - or, as he preferred to call it, the art of the unexpected - was Minerrand's hailmark throughout half a century in or around high office.

The boy from a provincial Roman Catholic bourgeois family insisted in his dying days that he had stayed faithful to the humanist ideals of his youth, but his journey led him through giddy shifts of allegiance which bewildered followers while earning respect for his

He has

left the

political

to others

The list of desertions was long, from the service to both Vichy France and the Resistance to the intrigues of the dirty work Fourth Republic, which he served as a centrist minister, through to the So-

those left by the wayside, from former prime ministers to his multitude of feminine conquests, nursed their bitterness in private. A few went public. notably the two lieutenants who in the past three years have chosen to prove their chagrin through suicide: Pierre Berégovoy, the last Socialist Prime Minister, and François de Grossouvre, his one-time palace fixer. It was de Grossouvre's death in the Elysée Palace two years ago which most spoke for the sulphur and decay that stained the closing months of the presidency.

Many outside France marvelled at how after being disgraced for faking a murder attempt against himself in 1959. Minerrand came back in the 1970s to win the affection of the country and be twice elected to the seven-year presidency. His power sprang from two sources. He was an extraordinary seducteur, a mixture of intellect and charm which could silence adversartactician and a political killer who enjoyed nothing better than dispatching his rivals

and even allies. The rough and rumble of an Anglo-Saxon political life would have trimmed Mitterrand's Bonapartist tendencies. but a prusidential system requires a leader to cultivate his mystique. The solitary Florenun las he was known in deference to his Machiavellian wilest could convey the nome. of power while keeping an flatter by seeming to take one into his confidence, musing in

his acid and literary way on the vagaries of life and politics. "Of course it is only power that matters." he said late one night in 1982. You can do nothing without it. That's why

I admire Thatcher." Even in his final year, stricken with cancer, he could not resist the impulse to win over his compatriots with wry commentaries on his imminent death. We are all passengers on an airliner (he would say), happily sipping the champagne in the certain knowledge we are flying into a mountain. His performances won much admiration.

The showman President made his supporters swallow a lot over the years, sometimes to the benefit of his country and the world beyond. It is hard, in these post-communist days, to recall the exultation on the Left that greeted the Mitterrand victory of May 10. 1981. For the generation of 1968, the teachers and civil service workers and the unions. the triumph was less an election than a revolution against a hated ancien régime. Thousands were busy packing their money off to Switzerland on the day that Mitterrand launched his rule with a pil-

grimage to the leftist saints in the Panthéon. Yet within two years, he had strangled the Communist Party. Moscow's loyal ally thrown the Socialist economic programme into reverse and sided President Reagan against

Moscow, appealing cialist cause itself. Most of in the Bundestag for West Germany to accept American missiles on its territory. He also proved that the Fifth Republic was a truly stable democracy where the parties alternated in power.

> t was one of the Mitterrand paradoxes that this bookish President used the Gaullist system which he had once reviled as a "permanent coup d'état", to assume a grandeur that outshone the General. President Chirac's attempts to strike a Gaullien pose are like a schoolboy's effort by comparison.

> François Mitterrand said often enough that he wanted to go down in history as the builder of the new Europe of Maastricht, along with his friend. Helmut Kohl. Failing that, he made sure he would be remembered as the architect of the new Paris, by doing more to change the city's sky line than anyone since Napo-leon III. Yet expensive monumental architecture is the only real cultural legacy of a President who devoted him-

self to the arts. The dust has not even begun to settle after 14 years of Mit-terrandisme, but the historians may not be so generous as Their eulogies yesterday spoke of him as a "giant" and a "statesman". His critics might reply that Mitterrand nursed illusions about France's destiny and allowed it to live bey-ond its means. He left to Chirac, his Gaullist successor, the dirty work that is necessary to fulfil the late President's vision of a peaceful and commun-



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Top Cs, but no tiaras

format of an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting or detox centre: my name is Elizabeth. I am 45 years old and I have a Royal Opera House habit.

I know it is not rational. I have tried to kick it. I know it does untold harm to my prosperity, street credibility and tgiven the ventilation problem) my body thermostat. As each subscription spree comes to an end I resolve to turn away from the rococo gilding and dodgy plumbing, the loomingly pompous red velvet curtains, the rising reek of wealth from the orchestra stalls and the seedy insistent beckoning of that amphitheatre side door on Floral Street, But every time the pushers get me back. They send me glossy brochures with covers showing oil-painted cellos and fruit and pediments. I open them and before I know where I am another vast wad of banknotes has changed hands and I am down for several hits of forgotten Verdi, a line of Götterdāmmerung and a snort of Cosi fan tutte.

Like all party drugs, opera is variable in quality and unreliable in supply: sometimes it leaves me as elevated as I hoped or more so emotionally stretched, opened up to feelings nobler and more mysterious than common life can bring. At other times (such as the magnificently mad King Arthur with wind-up flowers and trampolining haymakers, and four hours of uncut heroic couplets) it threatens to extinguish all vital signs forever. But addicts are an easy market. You know how it is.

You must do. because were you not a fellow-operaholic or perhaps a ballet junkie, the words "Royal Opera House" would long ago have sent you fleeing to the Letters Page. We who stubbornly adore the place and the art find ourselves in the position of a girl with an unpopular boyfriend: we waste hours saying "No, honestly, plenty of ordinary people go, it's not all corporate-entertainment fat cats and foreigners, not at all," or just You should try it, really, it's thrilling." Friends shrug coldly: some re-ject the medium of opera altogether as absurd and elitist; others shudder fastidiously and stalk off to some griny alternative venue for a politically correct Aida set in 1920's Chicago or some such tomfoolery.

The shrugs have intensified since the House got its £55 million Lottery grant to knock down a mixed neigh-bourhood, abuse the Floral Hall and The Royal Opera should use its exile to make converts across the country

build a curious Center-Parcs-type structure with portholes and an 85ft escalator. In short, the ROH may have a fine coterie of grand and wealthy friends but elsewhere it loses goodwill daily. The word is that the BBC documentaries starting next

week will accelerate the process. When the Opera House lost the prospect of a temporary theatre near Tower Bridge to cover the 1997-99 renovation of its home, there was no popular cry of protest. When, last weekend, its technical director talked of recession, cut budgets and disap-the crush bar queue and grow tired of

ers" warned that this cash and logistical crisis might close it down altogether for a spell, it was hard to find anyone in the street who was even faintly perturbed.

Which is shame. For a great

opera house and company is a national treasure. Its existence leads, inspires and feeds all the others, down to the newest and smallest regional outfit and beyond them to the amateurs. It is the gold standard, the heart of the art. The ROH orchestra, singers, dancers, conductors, directors, repetiteurs, scenery and costume teams must not be dispersed by mere homelessness. At the moment, the idea seems to be that they will tour, putting on productions on much the same scale as at present. Keith Cooper, director of public affairs, told a newspaper at the weekend that the managers are working out another kind of existerce that is within our control. The

option of closing would mean high redundancy and start-up costs. The board and management have committed themselves to keeping the show on the road". Pressed on the difficulty of getting the Pavarottis and Domingos, he firmly said: "Big stars will be contracted as they normally are ... they know where places like Manchester and Birmingham are.

More of the same, then, only less so? There is a depressing doggedness about the idea. But suddenly it dawned on me that there is something else the Royal Opera House

could do: it could turn its homelessness into something glorious. It could use its two years of exile not to cobble together ill-tempered productions with haughty imported stars in theatres where it is not comfortable. but to diffuse itself, reach out its iridescent tentacles into every corner of our national life. It could dance

gladly from its brick prison and teach under a tree: go out in small bands to make friends. followers and converts. After all, when you are reading pearing sponsors, and other "insid- trying to decide whether Aroldo

is Montecassino's brother-in-law disguised as Beppino or what, you will find a page marked Aims and Aspirations"; which includes not only the presentation of high-quality opera and ballet but

a commitment "to provide the widest possible access . . . to extend public understanding . . . to extend audiences". On the next page. "Outreach and Access", there is a modest account of what the education department does with schools, courses, hospitals, and so on. You will sense from this that although its decade of work is bragged about in the programme, the education department is still the untransfigured Cinderella of the outfit. You can also work out without much difficulty that the "100 events to inform and entertain Friends of Covent Garden' are not reaching out very far or very strenuously. The well-bred ladies who decorously queue for a backstage tour or a lunchtime Traviata singalong (done that too) are not exactly a hard catch.

But freed from the arduous business of manning an opera house night after night, why should the whole burning talent of the company not concentrate - just for those two years and in between occasional grand performances in major cities on reaching out more and more? Use some Lottery money to buy a fleet of minibuses - Nessun Dormobiles perhaps - in which posses of musicians, singers, dancers, design-

Before her two-and-a-half years

with the Prince, she spent many

years in bookish circles. But court

life taught her about literary serial-

isation - she was at the Prince's

side week by revelatory week as

Andrew Morton spilt the royal

EVEN the quacking in the gardens

behind the Elysée was muted yes-

terday when news rippled round the pond of the death of the famous

duck-lover François Mitterrand.

The President held his paddling

"When he left public office

ited them daily to feed them.

beans in Diana: Her True Story.

Ouackers

ers and directors could descend on every remote rural community school, scabrous inner-city hall and suburban golf club. Children, pensioners, youth clubs and weary commuters could be swept up in a craze of DIY opera; enthused, amused, educated, inspired.

it would work: not only because it is proven that if offered the great tunes, the veriest oal will gladly hum them. It will work because it always does. I have spent magical days wat-ching ROH director Richard Gregson and his colleagues make children whose horizon had been bounded by Michael Jackson perform short operas; the emotional force of musicdrama held even the hardest cases in thrall through a ten-hour day. I have taken part in La traviata during one of the lamentably rare ROH weekend workshops, being shown how a chorus is made to move and flow naturally even while singing the twiddly bits. Around me were serious amateur singers and rank beginners. led by Covent Garden principals and disciplined to an approximation of professional standards

fter such an event, whether in a school or an adult group, everybody glows and hyperventilates with enthusiasm. I had thought before the Traviata weekend that the drama would be hopelessly diluted by a gang of amateur singers and a lone piano: but under passionate tutelage we forgot the lack of orchestra or stage, and entered into the essential spirit of the piece, so that ever since I have heard and viewed it infinitely more richly. Most of the participants had never been to the ROH and would have been shy to: but it came to them, and sowed an undying loyalty.

You see what could be done? Just for two years, forget Pavarotti and Domingo and Sharon Sweet, the grand scale and the high budget and the footman with the big bouquet. Let the tail wag the dog, the education department lead. Hit the road, do a hundred small gigs instead of one big one. Bring us nothing but your talent and knowledge and a promise of how wonderful it will be when you go full-

scale and full-stage again for the millennium. Go on, I dare you. Try it. They won't. Far more likely to cut down "outreach" to pay for a series of depressing London theatres and overpriced tenors. But up here in the amphi, out here in the provinces, we can dream.

Staking a claim to power

Frank Field on

Tony Blair's big idea for Labour

t is difficult to overestimate the importance of Tony Blair speech yesterday in Singapore or stakeholder democracy. A nation of stakeholders is clearly going to be the theme that Labour puts to the electorate. It fits in with Tony Blair's wish n see Britain as a young country again. It commits Labour to a new way of rebuilding our political. industrial and welfare institutions. But is this just another buzzword

which will leave very little impression once at the hubbub has died down? Or will it give a new coherence to Labours programme? And how does it differ from the idea of a propertyowningor shareholding democracy? In ore sense, the concept is the child o the early postwar drive towards a property-owning and sharehoding democracy. The idea is for a strategy which makes a real difference to the world of welfare. education and of work, as home-owning has made to most people's

The biggest welfare reform has tobe of pensions. How can we mike second pensions universal? The mly sensible way to advance is to bring in a system of compulsory savings which will be gradually built up over ime for those of us who are not currently members of a company or personal pension scheme. But the electorate is unlikely to back the idea of compusory savings under existing welfare ules. People will rightly want to own their own savings. This leads to the idea of stakeholders organisatons, such as mutual aid funds, which would offer this possibility. Other individuals might wish to invest their savings in existing private ompanies, but whatever option is hosen, the reform would usher in littime savings and pension accounts syned by the individuals themselve Moreover, the scheme would beome universal only if stakeholde status were extended to those outsie the labour market. The idea then i for these groups to have their contriutions paid by the Exche quer, provied that they fulfil clearly defined contitions.

would takethe pressure off today's unfunded selfare bill. They would also raise te savings ratio and sc begin to offe business a new supply of long-terminvestment savings. Already, ruch of Labour's policy is in place ancheed only be presented in stakeholdr terms. The emphasis Tony Blair has given to raising Britain's skil level would be reinforced by the idea of stakeholders accounts. Thee would detail a minimum packae of education offers from nurserythrough to university. Individuals red not have access to the latter part of this package while they are teengers. Rather, the offer would be a fetime account, which fits easily into he evolution of Labour policy. Individuals might also have access to thei lifetime savings and pension accounts, not merely for house deposis, but for training

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investment as vell. takeholdig would make a reality of the NHS being our health sevice — which patently it has not been up to now. With a universalised tust status system, the boards could b elected at the same time as local autorities. This reform would itself open up the possibility of a hypothecated health tax. Such a reform would provide the scheme with a clear money-rationing mechanism to match ne service rationing which the Tory eforms have made transparent for he first time.

It is crucial to nove away from the present welfare tructure, which increasingly depents on means-tested support. The current system feeds both fraud ant the dependency culture. Under st.keholders' welfare, self-improvementwould again be put at the centre of Libour's policies. A reconstituted National Insurance scheme, with benefits more clearly linked to contributions, would also open the door to a contributor-run organisation. Such a reform would illustrate again tlat universal services can be provited which are not run by the State.

The public is bord with much of what goes on under the heading of European politics and strategy. Voters feel that Britain is being pulled along behind a Pranco-German centralisation exerise. The stakeholder idea offers Bitain the chance to break free and setout for Europe a clear alternative. Strkeholding is in essence a policy of lecentralisation. creating institutions which members themselves own and which, if they

wish, they can themsives run. It forges a new concept of citizenship. The advance o economic and social citizenship the century has been built on sand. The idea of stakeholding in welfare, health and education seeks to give a reality to the ideal of a Britain in which earyone has invested. It covers perple's lifetime needs, not by mouthing terms like "rights" - which have all too often turned out to be empty slogans - but with capital ownership and insurance schemes. The dominant theme of 20th-century Lahour politics has been the wish to create an inclusive society in which everytody is a fully. paid-up member. The dea of stakeholding offers to make his a reality. The author is MP for Birkenhead.

Closed Booth

LESS GIN will be drunk in Buckingham Palace this year than last, if the latest roll-call of Royal Warrants of Appointment is anything to go by. The Queen has dropped Booth's from her shopping list.

Booth's finest has been a feature



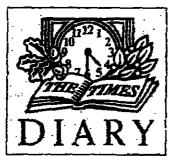
of the pre-prandial chinwag at the Palace since before the First World War. "Certainly, they have had a record of supplying since 1911." explains the Royal Warrant Holders' Association. "And they may have started long before that," Records show that the Booth

family was distilling in the 18th century, and that Felix Booth, who gained sole control of the company in 1818, was a close friend of William IV, so he almost certainly provided him with a cup or two. Last year. Booth's Distilleries still enjoyed royal patronage, and was listed among the tradesmen supplying the department of the Master of the Household. But in

the 1996 list Booth's does not feature. "It's very disappointing," admits a spokesman for the brand, which is now owned by United Distillers. Last year, the Palace dropped another of United Distillers' products. Guinness, because less stout was being imbibed in court circles. But the company has its toe wedged firmly in the royal door it still supplies Gordon's to the Oueen as well as to one of the

spirit's great patrons. Queen

Firzabeth the Queen Mother.



 There is considerable relief among ladies who work out at the House of Commons gym, now that the men's showers have been fixed. Until yesterday, regulars including Paddy Ashdown were forced to use the ladies' showers, risking blushes with the possibility of bumping into Edwina Currie.

Out of joint

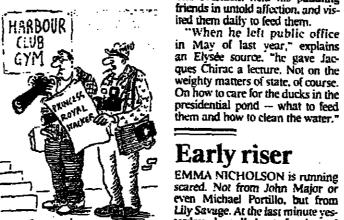
THE PAINTING which had art dealers reaching for the turps when Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber bought it for a record £18 million last year is to go on show this morning at the National Gallery. It will be the first public unveiling of Picasso's famous work from his Blue Period. Portrait of Angel Fernández de Soto, since Uovd Webber bought it at auction. De

Soto is depicted as a confident but

ugly dandy with arched eyebrows. jutting chin, twisted mouth and projecting ear. Sir Andrew never-theless finds it enchanting.

Booked up

THE PRINCE of Wales will be inrilled for his bubbly former assisiani private secretary. Belinda Harley, a lady with effusive charm. Despite her association with the highest in the land, she has taken a plunge to join the lower ranks for two days a week at the tabloid Daily Express — as literary editor.



"il's a disgrace following

someone around like that

them and how to clean the water. Early riser

EMMA NICHOLSON is running scared. Not from John Major or even Michael Portillo, but from Lily Savage. At the last minute vesterday, she pulled put of a planned chat in bed with the beer-bibbing transvestite and her gutrageous



Lily Savage: unsuitable

wig for The Big Breakfast. By all accounts, she had agreed initially to appear under the duvet for the Wednesday show, but then realised that this wouldn't suit the image of a defecting Tory MP. After all, when Michael Hutchence was under the covers on the same show being interviewed by Paula Yates, the electricity generated lit

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Balance of benefit

in recycling paper

Sir, The points made by Dr Lyndhurst Collins of Edinburgh University on

paper recycling (report, January 4)

must be balanced by a fuller consider-

ation of the issues related to forestry

and paper consumption.

Predictions by the UN's Food and Agricultural Organisation and others show that the world demand for wood

will almost double by the year 2010.

Even given a huge expansion in the area under forest, a decrease in de-

mand for new wood is essential if glo-

bal forest production is to be managed

on a sustainable basis. Recycling is an

essential part of the strategy to achieve

this decrease, but it must be accompa-nied by a reduction in overall con-

An increase in the global forest es-

tate can help meet the growing de-

mand for wood, but forests should not

be regarded merely as timber-produc-

ing factories. A key objective of multi-purpose forests is to manage them for

a range of benefits - biodiversity con-

servation, recreation, cultural heri-

rage, soil preservation and climate

amelioration - as well as for wood

Planting new trees will help absorb

CO2; but turning these trees into

paper that is used once and then dis-

posed of results in the CO2 being re-

leased into the atmosphere again. The

carbon in the biomass in old-growth

forests means that they are in fact bet-

ter as carbon stores. For this reason,

combatting climate change through

forests should emphasise natural for-

est conservation, not the expansion of

The problem of transporting waste

over great distances from collection

point to recycling plant simply reflects

the lack of development of industries

and markets to use the waste locally.

Producing paper from local recycled

material requires less energy and is

Studies have shown that more ener-

Recycling is a green option. Readers

Yours etc. GEORGINA GREEN

(Forest Campaigner), Friends of the Earth.

January 4.

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26-28 Underwood Street, NI.

Newsprint Manufacturers'

From the Director of the British

Sir, Dr Collins is wrong to say that the

virtues of recycling paper "had not

been based on sound scientific evi-

dence" and that "paper waste would

often be better burnt as fuel than re-

A study which we commissioned

last year by Professor David Pearce of

University College London and other

experts concluded overwhelmingly

that recycling paper was environmen-

tally and economically preferable to

incineration. Recycling provides a

value-added benefit to society while

Recycling does not present a threat

to growing trees, as Dr Collins sug-

gests. Worldwide demand for wood is

growing and while this is so, trees will

continue to be planted. Paper cannot be recycled indefinitely, so there will

Nor has the paper and pulp indus-try built recycling plants because en-

vironmentalists have "pinned them to

the wall". The £250 million recycled-

paper mill at Aylesford Newsprint in Kent will add £90 million a year to the

UK balance of payments. Other mills

too are investing heavily in plant, equipment and jobs because waste

paper is far more abundant in the UK

The efforts of those who recycle

their paper to make an environmental

and economic contribution should not

be undermined by bold claims which might grab a headline yet appear to be

Rivenhall Road, Swindon, Wiltshire.

than virgin fibre.

Yours sincerely, BRYAN C. BATEMAN,

Manufacturers' Association,

British Newsprint

Papermakers' House,

always be demand for virgin fibre.

incineration imposes a net cost.

gy is saved by recycling paper than is

less polluting than using new trees.

plantations for pulp production.

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From Dr Georgina Green



A towering figure leaves a perilous legacy

President Mitterrand was by any standard, one of the most influential Europeans of his time. His death, like hose of Konrad Adenauer and General de Gaulle, marks the end of a European era. In the case of many men, this would be a dutifu cliche. In the cae of France and M Mitterrind, it is not. For France, it marks a generational break with the Vichy years of which before joining the Resistance in 1943, M Nitterrand was a decorated servant. M Milerrand acknowledged his full role in Vichyonly in 1994; with his death. France should be freer to look with frankness at the Occapation.

His death may also hell the country shed the remnants of a still older political tradition: that of France's 9th-century Third Republic M Mitterrard is most often associated, and for gool cause, with the political opportunism an salon deals of the Fourth Republic in whith, just under 50 years ago, he launched his ministerial career. But his radical republicanism—the most enduring trait let by a lifetime of shifting political allegiaces — owed even more to that earlier era.

Republicanism fired is opposition to the Fifth Republic of de Faulle, whom he accused of a staging permanent coup d'état": 19th-century idea also underpinned his firm belief in a strogly interventionist state. Yet his 14-year terpre in the Elysée is best described as a reigi the aide who once cut short a speech of welpine with the words "The President comes topeak, not to listen", encapsulated an aloness close to arrogance. It was with the language and the methods of political haits that have served France ill that M Mierrand summoned Europe to its 21st-centuy destiny.

It will take time for new course to be set and for France to reover the health of its political institutions. M Mitterrand so dominated French polical life since 1981 that he became like tree under which nothing grew. No mastream politician is yet ready to question It master plan for "the construction of Europe", singled out yesterday for praise by s political opponent. President Chirac. Heleparts, in addition, better respected than e was for much of his political life. No enjunter in M Mitterrand's long politic career was more carefully prepared the his rendezvous with death yesterday. Forpur years, he met the of Europe, can find lasting ease.

pain and certain outcome of a fatal prostate cancer with great courage. His fortitude did much to efface for his countrymen his reputation as "the Florentine", the supreme and sometimes vindictive manipulator.

In one of the ruminative interviews he gave towards the end of his life, he declared that he wished to go down in history as the architect of domestic social peace and European unity. History, if it acknowledges that these were indeed the driving ambitions of this most impenetrable and devious of political actors, will present a stiff reckoning.

He leaves France a somewhat more modern, but certainly more troubled, society than it was in 1981, when he finally claimed the Elysée for the Socialist Party which he had embraced ten years before with the express aim of grooming it for power. He is sometimes credited with narrowing the ideological rift between Right and Left; but against that must be set the growth of support for Jean-Marie Le Pen's xenophobic extreme Right. This winter's turmoil in France has exposed how deep are the boils he has left others to lance.

Their virulence derives in part from the disrepute into which the scandal-ridden closing years of M Mitterrand's presidency brought the country's political establishment. They are also a direct legacy of his repeated refusal when in office to put the considerable authority of the Elysée at the service of those in a long list of prime ministers, of Left as well as Right, who attempted controversial reforms. But the street protests are at least equally relevant to M Mitterrand's larger claim on Fame's attention: the forced march to European

Union on which he set out in the early 1980s. For France, the costs of the franc fort policy which was the linchpin of the Mitterrand strategy for European Union are counted today in high unemployment, coupled with a deficit that has been swelled by the efforts of successive governments to cushion the social costs of years of competitive disinflation. His single-minded drive to curb Germany's growing power by enfol-ding it in France's tight embrace was damaging not just because of the strains it imposed on France. More important is that the destination he set is not one in which either French or Germans, let alone the rest

THE SELECT FEW

Even a shall fast stream can help to improve a school

The news that complhensive schools will be merely leads to selection by house price. they select from 10 #5 per cent might be expected to have no ore than a trivial effect on state education. It buried in the new circular from the Eduction Secretary, Gillian Shephard, is a molradical departure: that the 15 per cent malnow be selected on the basis of general abity as well as particular talent in music, ar drama, sport, technology or foreign langages. At a stroke, this removes the figleathat helped politicians to pretend that speclisation in schools had nothing in commo with selection.

Labour is all infavour of specialisation. but opposes selectin. Yet apritude in foreign languages or techology is extremely likely to be accompanil by aptitude in other, related academiqsubjects. And how are schools to choos the gifted linguists or potential enginee except by assessing their ability? This new bidance at last dispels the hypocrisy of clims that a school can specialise withouselecting its pupils.

So Labour wi have to do some hard thinking. If Daid Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretry, is sensible, he might cast aside some if the old shibboleths and welcome what is counterpart is trying to do. For, by resering 15 per cent of places for fast-stream pups, socially deprived schools may be able | make themselves more attractive to paints, and selection by class in prosperous areas should be lessened.

Pure compretensive schools admit pupils according to the distance of a child's home from school. Raher than ensuring statistically random idmissions, however, this die-class schools; council estates are too often served by sink schools. Allowing an element of selection by ability into the middie-class schools would give poorer children an opportunity to attend them. And some inner-city deprived schools might be able to give themselves a boost by turning themselves into the specialist "magnet" schools that have been so successful in America.

Once a school has at least 15 per cent of very able children, the other 85 per cent benefit too. Teachers should become more motivated and the school's morale and reputation will grow as a result of shining in its specialist field or sending a higher proportion of pupils to university. Moreover, those pupils who are not selected by ability will still have a chance to move up into the fast stream. Far from being written off at the age of 11, they will have the opportunity to upgrade to grammar-school standards of teaching and learning within their own school.

The only danger of the new circular is its implicit acceptance of the parental interview as a method of selection. Children cannot choose their parents, and those who are able but have unsupportive parents would be doubly disadvantaged by this move. Conversely, pushy middle-class parents are no guarantor ability or motivation in children. The fairest of all methods of selection for general aptitude is still an IQ test, combined perhaps with tests in English and maths. Children's ability should be allowed to speak

KAIL ROMANCE REVIVED

Kent commuterland becomes the gateway to the wider world

Ashlord, a properous market town in Kent, could become he Crewe of the 21st century. The 06.19 Eurstar from Waterloo yesterday became the first train to stop - intentionally - this side of he Channel when it drew up at Ashford Intenational, the new southern gateway to th Continent. Nine international services will how call daily at the station, with service to Paris and Brussels. additional stops at Calais and Lille and connections a the future to southern France, Germany arti beyond. For the first time in 150 years, a British regional station will be able to boat like hundreds of stations in Switzerland or Belgium, access to mighty expresses surring their way to distant

railway map. Its £100 million station is a confident assertion of a future that will bring two million passengers a year to this new interchange Nick Derbyshire, the architect responsible for the inspired reconstruction of Liverpool Street, has produced next century's tersion of the soaring public architecture that defined the Victorians a Ashford id a list of towns spawned and

enriched by the railways: Crewe, Swindon and York in Britain, Chicago in America and Novosibirsk in Siberia, a mere village until the builders of the Trans-Siberian camped on the banks of the mighty Ob while they pondered the engineering challenge.

Ashford will perhaps never become Leipzig, which long boasted that it was Europe's biggest station. With 26 platforms, it once offered connections to every part of Europe, and survived both allied bombs and East German bankruptcy - though for 40 years its echoing halls were eerily empty. isolated behind the Iron Curtain. Now that trains again flow uninterrupted from west to east, Leipzig, to its chagrin, is to lose two

platforms and its pre-eminence to Frankfurt. Ashford, however, has come to railway fame in a new age of a new train. It inherits the glamour - the fur, the hissing, the anguished partings - that brought all human emotion to the railway station and left Anna Karenina and Brief Encounter indelibly wreathed in steam. There will be romance, tears and a touch of the exotic on Ashford's platforms too, though free of grimy nostalgia. From today the little Kent town will be the doorway to a continent of adventure.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Moral and practical objections to Masari expulsion

From Sir Horace Phillips

Sir, in discussion of the Masari affair (leading article, January 5; letters, January 6) two related aspects seem to have been neglected: arms sales to certain governments, and the possibility of those governments' eventual down-

During the latter years of my diplo-matic career (1947-77) and later, the Government made arms exports (euphemistically, defence sales) the leading commercial activity of certain of our embassies. Commenting on the Scott inquiry you observed that "Lady Thatcher was known to be keen on boosting [these] and not to be too choosy about their destination" (leading article, December 9, 1993). The feeling was that if Britain adopted a moral stance, other exporters would exploit the gap. Competitive cynicism crept into government policy. Mem-bers of Parliament were given no opportunity to argue whether this boost to British exports should offset any moral qualms.

I could understand the domestic political advantages: jobs and export earnings. But I deplored the seemingly indiscriminate spread of these exports. If they helped Britain, that was held to be reason enough for them never mind what kind of dictatorial regime the purchasers might be. And the more dictatorial, it seemed, the more profitable the exports: Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia.

But leave aside the moral aspect. History shows that no people will tol-erate dictatorship indefinitely. And when such a regime is eventually brought down the people are all too ready to allege that it was supported in its rule by arms bought from foreign powers. Whatever commercial or other advantages the latter may have had in the country as a result, these disappear with the fallen regime.

Irish peace process

Sir. It would be very sad if the Irish peace process failed now (report and

Kevin Myers article, January 3). I sympathise with the Protestants in

Northern Ireland who want decom-

missioning of IRA arms before talks

take place, but more or less total re-

straint in the use of those arms for a

year should form the basis for talks.

The decommissioning of weapons

should be strictly related to any con-

cessions given to the IRA in those

In principle it is best to talk to peo-

ple, however bad you might think

they are. Jaw-jaw is always better

than war-war. Each positive piece of

good that comes out of talks should

naturally be accompanied by a step in

the decommissioning process.

How else can the IRA leadership

seem credible to its turbulent fol-

Sir, Cardinal Cahal Daly's well inten-tioned comments on the Northern

Irish peace process during a Mass in

his Armagh archdiocese (report, Janu-

ary 2) may be counter-productive. For

the cardinal to use this opportunity to

comment on the Conservatives'

"shrinking majority" at Westminster

is an unhelpful mix of religion and

If the much sought-for peaceful sol-

ution to the problems of Northern tre-

land is to be found, should not all

churches agree to an immediate cessa-

tion of politics from the pulpit?

33 St Stephen's Terrace, SW8.

From Professor Emeritus

of its secrets", December 28).

Ethiopian monoliths

Sir, It is good that you should keep

During the few weeks its stay last-

ed, the German Aksum expedition of

1906 made important discoveries, but

it was not the first to report the exis-

tence of the magnificent monoliths.

Francesco Alvarez gives a vivid des-

cription of the stelae in his account of

the Portuguese expedition to Ethiopia

in the early 1520s (published in Lisbon

Several writers have noted them

since, including Manoel de Almeida

in the 17th century, and Henry Salt

not only described the stelae in his vol-

umes but published a large handcol-

oured aquatint of the stelae in 1809,

the finest picture of them to appear to

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ders informed about the pro-

Yours faithfully,

DAVID BECK.

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Yours faithfully,

January 1.

BENT JUELJENSON,

St Cross College, Oxford.

JOHN COLEMAN (Editor).

14-16 Carroun Road, SW8.

From Mr David Beck

lowers?

January 3.

Yours faithfully.

New European,

From Mr John Coleman

Khomeini's Iran demonstrated this all too vividly. It is a cynical arms-supplying government that shuts its eyes to that long term danger, besides baulk-ing the short-term moral issue, in order to make a quick profit.

Yours faithfully. HORACE PHILLIPS, 34a Sheridan Road, SW19. January 6.

From the Leader of the Muslim Parliament of Great Britain

Sir, In 1978, David Owen, then Foreign Secretary, defended British sup-port for the Shah of Iran (report, October 23, 1978) in strikingly similar terms to those used by Miss Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister, when she was justifying the deci-sion to deport Dr Muhammad al-Ma-sari, head of the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights (CDLR) in Saudi Arabia. The fact is that the fall of the Shah in

1979 did not lead to widespread redundancies in Britain, or the loss of lucrative trade with Iran, especially in defence equipment, as had been feared. The Saudis, too, will continue to buy British if the product and price is right, and if the backhanders are generous, whatever they may say now. But the British Government cannot afford to overlook the unpopularity of the Saudi regime or offend those who will almost certainly form that country's next government.

It is not true that the anti-Saudi sentiment has been brought to Britain by the arrival here of the CDLR and Dr Masari. Fewer than 100 of the 1,000 mosques in Britain are Saudi-financed and controlled. The rest have long been politicised and actively anti-Saudi. London is already a major centre of the global Islamic movement and this will remain the case with or without Dr Masari. The Islamic movement in Britian may well be strengthened by his deportation, while the work of the CDLR will be continued by others. The British Government must take

a broad view of the changes that are poised to sweep through the Muslim world. Cultivating friends for the future is as important as keeping present friends mollified.

Yours faithfully, KALIM SIDDIQUI, Leader, Muslim Parliament of Great Britain, 109 Fulham Palace Road, W6.

From Mr Tony Purton

Sir, If, as the report in your earlier editions today suggests. Dominica's kind offer of asylum for Muhammad al-Masari is connected with a significant increase of overseas aid to the island. has the Government once again exceeded its powers under the Overseas Development and Co-operation Act 1980 by linking British aid with British arms sales? The Pergau Dam affair seems to have been forgotten.

Yours faithfully, TONY PURTÓN, 48 Kent Avenue, Ealing, W13. January 6.

From Mr Edward Taylor

Sir, Tony Banks states that Saudi Arabia has "a very nasty and unpleasant regime" (report, January 5). Is this the official opinion of the Labour Party? If it is, and if the party wins the next election, then we might as well forget about any future co-operation, com-mercial or political, with the friendly Arab states, particularly those within the Gulf Co-operation Council.

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD TAYLOR, January 6.

Pentreceithon, Rhayader, Powys.

bers a real personal stake, whilst at

the same time drawing on the collec-

tive strength of a national insurance

generated by its incineration, and that recycling has greater economic, social and environmental benefits than in-I would stress that at this stage Labour has not reached any specific conclusions in its review of welfare policy, cineration. but we do believe that there are a number of lessons we can learn from are urged to think of the three Rs: rebest practice elsewhere. We will not. duce, re-use, recycle. This includes however, be looking to either the continuing to recycle their copies of Adam Smith Institute or this privatis-The Times. ing Government for advice.

Yours sincerely. CHRIS SMITH, Shadow Secretary of State for Social Security, House of Commons. January 5.

Vegetative state

From Professor J. Grimley Evans

Sir, I fear your report, "Woman recovers after five years in vegetative state" (January 4), may have given a rather incomplete picture of the fate of the young lady reported in this week's New England Journal of Medicine.

Although it speaks of "recovery". the paper it quotes speaks only of "improvement". At the time of discharge from hospital the patient was "wheelchair-bound and totally dependent for all care".

We are not told what burdens her family now bear or what their feelings are about this success of modern American medicine.

Yours sincerely, . GRIMLEY EVANS, Department of Clinical Geratology. The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE. January 4.

Pomp and Pompey

rather ramshackle old port city.

There is even more to see than Mr Binney mentions: HMS Victory, of course, and the hull and artefacts of the Mary Rose, and Britain's first ironclad warship, Warnor. There are the Palmerston ports dotting the Spirhead approach to the harbour and

by boat. You could nose into the creeks on the Gosport side, visiting the Submarine Museum, the Victor ian ports and the military establishments, and you could sail into and around the dockyard. Boat trips would cause lewer problems for the 'Navy in being" than buses within the

Mr Binney reports that Gunwharf. next to the harbour railway station, is billed as a possible new home for the Royal Yacht Britannia. Were that to happen, this would be the obvious place to start the harbour tours.

JOHN CROOKSHANK. Ivy House, North Street. Westbourne, Emsworth, Hampshire.

Lines of inquiry

Director,

January 5.

From Mr Ben Olds

Sir. Congratulations to Dr Daniel Dorling on his research findings that the equity in one's house determines one's lifespan (report, January 5). He may be interested to learn that by not moving for many years I have added over two years to my own.

There must be other worthwhile subjects for Dr Dorling's research. Is lifespan related to living in the inner city estates or rural suburbs; to profession, building labourer and clergyman for example: nights spent in hotels per year (by star category)? These and many other burning questions demand his urgent attention.

Yours faithfully. BEN OLDS. 63 Bramcote Avenue. Chilwell, Nottingham. ไลทแลญ ร

gress of Dr Phillipson's excavations in Aksum in the northern highlands of Ethiopia ("Ancient city reveals more

foreign part. Ashford should rejoice in being put on the century ago. In doing so, he has added

From the Shadow Secretary

Labour and welfare

of State for Social Security

Sir. Labour is indeed looking at a number of different options for welfare reform, for improving the security offered to people in their old age. and at reducing the overall DSS budget -- but contrary to the suggestion in your report ("Labour ponders welfare sell-off", January 5) we are by no means considering "privatising" the welfare budget.
Indeed, the Singaporean model,

which I am flying out to see at first hand next week, is a collective Government scheme, not a private one. It does however offer individual mem-

Gurkha stigma

From Professor Peter Rowe

Sir. Sir Michael Scott (letter, December 30; see also letter, January 5) is right to draw attention to the inaccuracy of describing the Gurkhas as mercenaries. The Gurkhas serving with the Brit-

ish Army are a part of it. Their inclusion in the armed forces of a State ensures that during an armed conflict they will not come within the definition of a mercenary under Article 47 of the 1977 Additional Protocol 1 to the Geneva Conventions 1949.

The Government has indicated its intention to ratify the 1977 protocol and, in preparation, Parliament has passed the Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Act 1995. Yours faithfully.

PETER ROWE, Lancaster University. Department of Law Lancaster, LAI 4YN.

dockyard.

Yours sincerely

From Mr John Crookshank

Sir, Marcus Binney's imaginative piece about Portsmouth's naval heritage ("The Navy and all its Pompey", Arts, January 3) opens up exciting, practical prospects which are encouraging for those who know and love the

Portchester Castle at its head.

The best way to see all this would be

Rural poverty From the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Sir. Libby Purves is right that there are parallels between urban and rural poverty ("Not so very pastoral". January 2). Rural poverty may be less visible, but it is every bit as souldestroying.

The answers to reversing the process of rural decay are most likely to be found in those areas which have achieved considerable growth in employment. That growth has come overwhelmingly in the leisure, distribution and small-scale manufacturing sectors. It has been made possible by improved communications and technology, growth in tourism and the desire to relocate businesses in a more

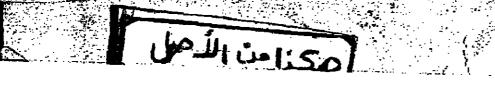
attractive environment. The coming together of all the factors critical to success seldom happens by chance. The development of tour-

ism, for instance, depends on good communications. The ability to attract a range of new industries depends on good local services and a trained

Ensuring that all the building blocks are in place demands a comprehensive approach to rural enterprise, services and environment. With the publication of the White Paper Rural England treport, Octo-

ber 18, 1995) we have for the first time the skeleton of a national rural strategy. We must now complement it by developing comprehensive rural strategies at local level which harness the many intrinsic strengths that rural areas possess.

SIMON POTT, President. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 12 Great George Street. Parliament Square, SWI.







COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE January 8: The Duke of Kent this evening opened an Exhibition of paintings of Brazil. Christies Great Rooms, King

Today's royal engagements

Street, London SWI.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Olympic appeal at Bonham's Montpelier Street, at

Today's events The Queen's Life Guard mounts a

Horse Guards at Ham

Birthdays today

Major D.S. Allhusen, equestrian Olympic medallist, 82: Mr Justice Allion, 64: Lady Anson, former deputy chairman, Association of District Councils, 65: Miss Joan Baez, folk singer, 55: Mr Hugh Bayley, MP, 44: Mrs M.L.S. Bennett, former Principal. St Hilda's College, Oxford. 33: Mr Harvey Betram-Brown, fashion designer. 30: Sir Rudolf Bing, furmer general manager, Metropolitan Opera. New York, 94; Mr Ken Brown, golfer, 39; Sir John Buckley, former chairman, Davy Corporation, 83; the Earl of Car-rick, 43; Mrs Christine Crawley, MEP, 46: Mr Clive Dunn, actor 74; Sir Anthony Durant, MP, 68: Sir Graham Eyre, QC, 65: Mr Michael Gifford, chief executive and managing director. Rank Org-anisation. 60: Father Benedict Green, theologian. 72: Mr Terry Hands, former artistic director. Royal Shakespeare Company, 55: Mr David Holbrook, author, 73: Mr LJ. Holliday, former chairman, John Laing Construction, 75: Mr Raymond Horrocks, former chairman, Austin Rover Group Holdings, 66: Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys. 46; Sir Michael Jenkins. diplomat. 60; Mr Simon Jervis. former Director, Fitzwilliam Museum. Cambridge. 53: Mr Justice Ognall. 62; Miss Joely Richardson. actress, 31: Mr Ralph Tubbs, architect, S4: Mr Detek Twiner. former Governor, Canterbury prison, 56: Viscount Utlswater, 54:

Dinner

The Archbishop of Canterbury was the speaker at a talk dinner Viscount Caldecote was the chair-

Mr Ivor Ward, Governor, Feliham

Young Offenders' Institution, 51;

Mr Geoffrey Wragg, racehorse trainer, 66; Miss Susannah York,

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: John Jervis, Earl of St Vincent, Admiral of the Fleet, Rose Lee), 1914.

(947: Pier Luigi Nervi, engineer and architect, Rome, 1979: Sir

Income tax was introduced by William Pitt the Younger, 1799.

The liner Queen Elizabeth was destroyed by fire in Hong Kong harbour, 1972.

The following have been granted Chartered Mathematician status and Fellowship of the Institute:

Luncheon

Mr Richard Page, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Small Business Industry and Energy. was the principal guest and speaker, and was introduced by Mr D.R.T. Waring, president, at a luncheon of the Coal Industry Society held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Mr C.R. Sully pre-sided.

DEATHS

Stone, Staffordshire, 1735; Lastelles Abercrombie, poet and critic. Ashion-upon-Mersey, 1881; Dame Gracie Fields, singer, Roch-Beauvoir, novelist and critic, Paris. 1908; Rose Louise Hovick (Gypsy DEATHS: Caroline Herschel.

astronomer. Hanover. 1848: Na-poleon III. French Emperor 1852-70. Chislehurst. Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainbleau, France, 1923: Karl Mannheim, sociologist, London. Charles Curran. Director-General of the BBC 1969-1977, 1980.

Sir Humphry Davy's safety lamp was first used in a coalmine. ISI6. Anthony Eden resigned as Prime

The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications

Dr D J Allwright, Dr T J Baker, Dr I Beg, Mr S Berry, Mr N Block, Mr M E Bowe, Mr G H Boyd, Dr M Bruen. Mr A A S Bryans, Dr K Chen, Mr J D Creasey, Dr A Csenki, Dr J M Dowden, Dr D N Eastham, Mr A F Everett, Dr M J L Greenhow, Dr I Grindred, Mr J Hamilton, Mr G G
Hay, Dr M A A A Helal, Dr B
Hudson, Dr J M Hurst, Mr D G
Johnson, Dr T Keating, Dr M A
Kelmanson, Mr D J E Kilsby, Mr M E Lewis, Mr D G Linlejohns, Mr R G Lynch, Mr B C Merrifield, Mr L M Miller. Dr P J Mitchell, Mr A J Miller, Dr P J Millerell, Mr A J Morsley, Dr A J Osiadara, Dr J L Parry, Dr D W Pearson, Dr A M Flato, Mr P H Readle, Dr A J Robins, Mr T Roper, Mr M Rycraft, Dr S C Ryrie, Dr F M-L Seillier-Moiseiwitsch, Mr A Stittle, Dr B R Stornbeiden Mr P E Tray, Mr P A J Stonebridge, Mr R E Tew, Mr P A J Thomas, Mr J Thorpe, Dr S P Townsend, Dr R J Verrall,

Coal Industry Society

Appointment Imperial Cancer Research Fund

Dr Paul Nurse has been appointed Director-General of the Imperial September 1, 1996, when Sir Walter Bodmer, the present directorgeneral. moves to Oxford University as Principal of Hertford



Prince Harry passes a gate as he slides down a hill skiing for Britain yesterday at Davos in the under-12 event during the 40th annual Anglo-Swiss parliamentary ski race. The 11-year-old Prince and his father were invited to take part in the downhill slalom on the final day of their skiing holiday

School announcements

Bedford High School

The Spring Term begins today and ends on March 27. The Concert of Wind Music is on March 19. The Gymnastics Display is on March 7 and 8. Junior assessments are on January 20 (8 plus), January 31 (7 plus), January 27 (9 plus and 10 plusi: Senior Entrance Examinations and Assisted Places Examinations are on January 25. The Senior School and Sixth Form will be open to prospective parents and their daughters on January 13. The Careers Conference will be on

The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) includes in its aims the provision of high quality education for girls. Charity registration no: 204817.

Benenden School

Term starts today at Benenden School, Open mornings for par-ents of prospective students will be held on February 3 and 24. The Founders' Lecture, "Where is God when things go wrong?", will be given by Sister Gemma Simmonds on March 3. Seniors' Day will take place on May 18 at the School.

Chigwell School

Lent Term at Chigwell School starts today and ends on Wednes-

DEATHS

tions for II year age group entry and Harsnett Scholarship examinations will be held on Saturday, January 20 and for 7 to 10 year age groups on Saturday. January 15. The Music Scholarship auditions will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 2 and 3. The Lent Term Concert will take place on Tuesday, February
13, during the Arts Festival Week
which will run from Monday to
Priday, February 12 to 16. A full
programme for the Arts Festival is
available from the Headmaster's Secretary, Old Chigwellians who wish to attend the Shrove Tuesday Supper on February 20 should

Holmwood House, Ely Colchester

Secretary.

contact the Headmaster's

Spring Term begins today at Holmwood House, Colchester. Dazzle will be performed on February I-3: the Spring Concert is on Friday, March 15 and term ends with Open Morning on March 22.

Churcher's College

Lent Term at Churcher's College begins today. The College entrance Saturday, February 3, Half term is from February 17 to February 26. The Captain of Boys Hockey is Dominic Knight and the Captain

The Annual Hockey match be-tween the OCC and the College takes place on March 24. The OCC dinner at the East India Club will be held on Friday, May 10. and bookings can be made through the College office. Term ends on March 29.

The King's School, Canterbury

The Lent term begins today. A Confirmation Service will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday, March 10, at which the Bishop of Dover will confirm. Term will end on Saturday, March 23.

The King's School, The Lent Term begins today. The new artificial sports surface will be

officially opened for use on Sat-urday, January 20. There will be a professional hockey coaching session for Under 13s followed by a match between a celebrity team and the School's First Eleven players. The Concert Band will contribute the best tendenced Many Versions their tendenced Many Versions their tendenced Many Versions and their tendenced Many Versions and their tendenced Many Versions their tendenced Many Versions and the School of their tendenced Many Versions and the School of their tendenced Many Versions and the School of their tendenced Many Versions and the School of their tendenced Many Versions and the S give their traditional New Year Concert with Buffet Supper in the Hayward Theatre on Friday, January 26, and the Music Festival on Friday, February lo. The Junior School II+ Scholarship Examina-tion will be held on Friday. February 2, and the Senior School

Saturday, February 9 and i0. The Lord Bishop will conduct the Confirmation Service on Saturday March 2. at 11.00 am in the Cathedral. The Junior School play The Importance of Being Earnest will be presented in the Hayward Theatre in matinée on Tuesday. March 12, and at evening performances on Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 and 14. The 1996 Osmond Lecture will be given by Helen Sharman, OBE, on Friday, March 15, in the Hayward Theatre under the title "Astronaut required: no experience necessary". Tickets are available to interested Old Eleans and parents on application to the Deputy Head's secretary. The Hoop Trundle will be held on Saturday, March 16, at noon. The Senior School Choir will he joined by those of King's Peterhorough and Norwich School to sing Evensong in the Cathedral on Wednesday, March 20. Term ends on Friday, March 22.

Reigate Grammar School

The Spring Term begins today. The Annual Dinner of the Old Reigatian Association will be held on Friday, February 9. There will be five performances of the musical Buesv Mai beginning Monday. February 12. The Choir will sing Evensong in March 25 and the term will end on

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.M. Malos

Charleywood.

ani Miss J.M.S. Kee

CoDonegal, Eire.

M1 R.D. Ross Russell

and Miss S.E. Jones

and Dr J.K. Simpson

The engagement is announced

between Andrew Mark, younger

Maton, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Joanna Kate, daughter of Mr

and Mrs ian Simpson, of

Cantain S.P.St.L. Mieczkowskii

The engagement is announced between Stefan, son of Mr Zbigniew

and the Hon Mrs Mieczkowski, of

Heiley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, any Jocelyn, elder daughter of Mr any Mrs Arthur Kee, of Stranorlar,

The engagement is announced

heween Rory, younger son of Dr ani Mrs Ralph Ross Russell, of

Rohampton, London, and Sian, one daughter of Mr and Mrs

Gvyn Jones, of Hurstbourne Pries, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of David

and Mary Stiles, of Waipukuran.

Harkes Bay, New Zealand, and Juli, youngest daughter of David and Daphine Yorke-Long, of Stocgrove, Leighton Buzzard.

Themarriage took place in Mex-ico, in Saturday, November 25, betteen Seifor Juan Carlos Colin

and Miss Lucy Hodges, eldest dauther of Mr and Mrs Nigel

Hodes, of Lowlands, Trinity,

M.C. Stiles an Miss J.V. Yorke-Long

Marriages

andMiss L. Hodge

Mr. M.N. Teene

and diss V.M.H. Murphy

The narriage took place on Sat

urda, January 6, 1996, at St Edmind's College, Cambridge,

betwen Mr Luke Tegner, son of Mr ad Mrs Ian Tegner, and Miss

Ginn Murphy, daughter of Dr and its Michael Murphy. The Rev F Michael Robson officiated.

Thirde was attended by Miss

Siobhu Brownlow, Alexandra Raike and Cecilia Neill, Mr

Wilkiton were the best men.

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Alnwick, Northumberland, left es-tate valued at £4,122,350 net. Mr Kenneth Shaw, of Dudley, at £1,235,426 net. He died intestate. Professor Michael Leonard Graham Balfour. of Burford, Oxfordshire, former Professor of European History at the University of East Anglia, left estate valued at £122,348 net. He left £100 each to Ballio! College, Oxford, National Trust, the London Library. Dr Barnardos, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Save the Other states include that before tax): Mr Cin William Dennies, of

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ABRAHAM - Paul Gled ELLIOTT - On Sunday January 1996 aged 72.
Donations to British Heart
Foundation sent to
Longhurst Funeral Directors.
8-10 Pound Lane. Epsom.

AREL - Dr. Frederick died peacefully at home on 4th January 1996 aged 75. Funeral will take place at St. Sevicours. Walton Place, at 11 am on Friday 12th January. No flowers please but donations to imperial Cancer Research Fund. BAXTER - John Herbert

BAXTER - John Herbert on January 5th 1996 aged 66. beloved husband of Joan loving father of Bill and Brenda and adored grandiatier. Funeral Service at St. Annes Church. East Wiltering on Monday 16th January 1996 at 2 pm followed by family cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to British Lung Foundation or Star & Garter Home. Co F.A. Holland & Son. 5 Jubilee Road. Chichester. West Sussex. Tel: 01243 782965.

BROWN - On 6th January 1996, Dors George, mask of Ealing, aged 8C Years; former Headmaster of St Benedict's School, Requiem Mass at Ealing Abbey, Monday, January 15th, at 2pm, R.J.P

COMU - Jeremy John Robert,
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CONNELL. - On January 6th. suddenly efter a tong and brave fight systems fire pain of offee-arthritis, Earnès Jegm. the dearly towed wife for 51 years of Brian. A strany lempered charmer who will be sorely missed by many. Private family cremation Enquires to Nicel Dennals Function Services.

Church, Pouphill. Bude. Corpwall. on Friday January 12th at 11 am. followed by cremation. Family flowers only but tonations if desired for the R.N.L.I. c/o the funeral director Arthur W. Bryant. Belle Vue Avenue. Bude. EX23 888

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DEATHS

ELLIOTT - On Sunday January 7th peacefully in his sleep at Firlands Nursing Home. Canford Cliffs. George Ernest Alexander aged 84 years. devoted husband of Dureen, much loved father of Christopher and grandad of Melissa. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral at Poole Crematorium on Tuesday January 16th at 2.50 pm. Flowers to Tapper Fuseral Service. 32/34 Parkstone Road. Poole.

FAIRBAIRN - Colin (M.S.I.) on January 1st 1996 aged 61 years, much loved husband and faither. Sadly missed by wite Julie and children Caroline and lain. Was devoted to family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Etham Crematorium at 10.46 am on Friday 19th January Family Rowers only. Donatons If desired to Arthritis Care c/o Sharon Hawthorne. 18 Stephenson Way. London NW1 2HD. tel. (0271) 916-1500.

applement Trust.

DANIEL - Elleen Mary tormerly Elleen Reidl on 6th January at The North Devon District Hospital after a short illness aged 50 years of Bude and Loadon. Secretary to PSJ. Befored wife of Bill. dear daughter of Rena, loving sister of Ann and Brian and aum of Collan, Lyn. David and Allison. Funeral Service at St Otals Church. Pouphill. Bude. Cornwall. on Friday

FOXOM - Joan (née Burikson), widow of Prof. G.E.H. Foxon Aged 91 years, died peacefully 4th years, died peacetully 4th January 1996 at Leatnerhead Hospital. Beloved mother of Ann and Tony, mother-in-law to Pauline and Gordon, grandmother of Jane and Saily. Funeral 1.30 pm Friday 12th January Randalls Park Gremalorium, Leatnerhead. Suffrey. Plowers to L Hawkins & 50m Ltd., F/D, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ND, tel. (0:372) 372435 or donations to W.W.F.UK.

home on January 7th 1996.
William M.D. St. AND.
F.R.C.P. (EDIN). Dearly
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daughter Alison. Cremation
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FRASSR DARLING - On 5th January 1996 at Raighner Hospital, inverness. Christma, widow of the late 5tr Frank Fraser Darling, Funeral at St John's Episcopel Church, Forres. Thursday 11th January at 1.30 pm.

GALLICO - Joyce Elizabeth inée Griggo) un 5th January 1996. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother Requiem Friday 12th January at S. Mary's Kenten at 11.45 am. Family flowers only-conations RNLL Stammore Branch.

GARNETT - Peacefully at Kello Hospital. Biggar. on Sunday 7th January 1996. Kenneth Alan Germen. beloved husband of Elleen. Fuperal private. A Memorial Service will be high in Biggar Parish Church on Monday 15th January 1996 at 11 30am. In which all are invited. No flowers or letters published.

DEATHS

GERRINGER - Alfred died peacefully on January 8th 1996 aged 84. He leaves a loving wife Wendy, daughters Susan, Kale and Judith and grandchildren Anna. Joseph. Jack. Thomas. Alison and Matthew. The funeral will lake place at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday January 16th at 11.15 an. Flowers to F.W. Paine. 29 Coombe Road. Norbiton. Kingston-Upon-Thames. Surrey KT2 7AY of donations to the Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o F.W. Paine.

GIFFEN - John Hunter Paterson (Jack) passed away peacefully in his steep on 2nd January 1996, beloved father of Iain and Jiff. Funeral Service on Thursday 18th January at the South West Middlesex Crematorium. Hanworth. Enquiries to Lodge Bros. Funeral Directors. '01932; 785402

HUDSON - Daphne Elizabeth Susan. formerly Bower. passed searchuly away on December 30th 1995. audd BO years. Funeral Service and cremation will take place at SI Faith's Crematorium. Norwich. on Monday January 15th 1996 21 pm. Plowers please by 11 am. however donstions may be made if desired to The Norfolk Bone Marrow. Treatment Appeal and sent c/o Gordon Barber Funeral Home. 317 Ayaham Road. Norwich NR3 2AB

JONES - On January 7th Junes - On January 7th following an accident Joans Harcourt, widow of Cyril McLean Jones, Much bred skier to Sidney and Sylvia and Auni to Sune, Simon and Auni to Sune, Simon and Rebecca. Enquiries to MacPhersons. Burley and Geach 01428 605365.

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NENYON - On January 6th 1996 in Norwich Proissor John Philipps aged 68 years, dearly loved husband or Angela, father of Saza. Charlotte and Daniel. Enquiries regarding funeral arrangements to Bartrum. E. Dereham, 01362: 699424.

LASSON - Hans Codis Chin Petro Kryvoviss aged 77 on January 6th 1996 peacefully in Albi, France, after a remarkable and full life. Beloved nusband of Bartsura, a very dear takes of Mary, Ann and Safty-Ann, isuting grandfather of Emily, Jonathan, William and Domenics and dear exhusband of Safty.

LEADAM - Pamela Seaton pracefully on January 5th dear takes of Mary, Ann and Safty-Ann, isuting former funeral at Califord Cremisorium on Friday January 12th at L. Sopm Family flowers only but donations may be made in her memory to the Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals clo Pinums Fineral Services, Charlers, Mary Road, Caddord Survey Gill cQX.

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LOWE - Peacefully in Forms on 5th Juneary 1996 John aged 89 years. Seloved instand of the late Barbara, father of Mark. Sally and June, grandfather and great-grandfather. Require Mass at Pluscarden Abbey on Tuesday 9th January at 11.30am (bereafter to inverness Crematorium for 25m committae).

MARCHBANK — Air Commodore Stanley Jackson Marthank OSE, DFC, RAF (Rel'd). At home on 8th January 1996, dearly loved husband of Marquerite, father of Elizabeth, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at Chichester Cremannium on Tuesday 16th January, at 11.30 am. Family flowers only Donathers. It desired to

RAF Benevolent Fund.

MARSHALL - On Sigt December 1995 at Bahop's Castle. Shropabite. Urrula Mary McDy, wife of the late Captain Lestie Murshall of Dover and sister of Jane Poughey. Dearty loved by all her lamily and friends. Cremation at Shrewbury at 2 pm. on Wednesday 17th January 1996. Family Rowers only, but demantics if wished to R.N.L. Kempel Holse River Way, Uckfield. TN22 1SL

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PARRY - On January 7th 1996 in hospital following a stroke. Cadys Murie Freize-Marreco 'Known as Mulaged nearty 91, of Chewion. Hants... widow of Colonel A.C. Parry MSE NC take Green Howards!. Much loved mother of John and Myles (both decreased). beloved grandmother and goral-standmother and dear sister of Mary Rodwell. Funeral followed by interment at St Nicholas Church, Chawlen, on Friday January 19th at 1; am. Flowers welcome but donations if preferred to Camer Research col Kemp & Sievens, 93 High Street. Alton GU34 11G. PARRY - On January 7th

PERKINS - Edward David Kiarobs peacefully after a long fibes on January 6th at Brighton. Remembered with Scepest affection by his wife Jaci. daughters and granddoughters. No Rowers. Bower incapey to The Tatter Home. I TBDury Place, BNZ 2GY would be much appreciated

PHILLIPS - On 7th January, Jennifer, beloved wife of John Phillips. Funeral Golders Green Cremulorium Wednesday 17th January 1: 50 em. Flowers and enquiries to Leverton & Sors, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3, 1e1: (0171) 586-4221 or donations to Oxfam.

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POURIKAS - On 4th Linuary 1996 Bahram Khan of Tehran, Fan. of the Hospital of St John and St Etzabeth, London, after a short timess. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium 11.30 am 26th January. All enquiries to Francis Chusoell & Sons. lei: (0181) 303-4777. RUSSELL - Namey Everard, procedulty on January 4th, Beloved wife of Dermot, mother of Peter and American Development of Simon, Jonatham. David and Chirta, Crematorium on Friday 12th January at 9.45 am. Family flowers only. Donathons, if desired, to NSPCC c/o Jempson & Son. 38 High Street Battle DEATHS

RYAN - Conn on Sh Jamery at home, much leved husband of Anne (Head). Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Monday 15th Jamary at 2.50 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.N.1.8. Talking Book Service c/o Stoodley & Son Funeral Directors. Crewkerne, Somerset, tel: (01460) 73229.

SCOTT - Maeve, treasured wife of Deny's Scott, on Sunday 7th January at home in Parsons Green, London, closing with dignity a sweet and talemted life and haying as her loving children Diarmidd. Evelyn Wood and Corinna Dundas.

SHAXSON - Michael, peacefully at King Edward vil Hospital, Michiny on 6th January 1996. Much loved husband of Doreon, Eather to Andrew and Joanna and grandfather to Matthew. George. Alexander and Edward. Private cremation will be followed by a Thanksqlving Service at South Harting Church at 2.30 pm on Friday 19th January No flowers, but donatons in his messory to the Royal Agricultural Benevoleni Institution and the Royal Agricultural Benevoleni Institution and the Royal Agricultural Association of ol. F. Lingot. North Street, Misinars. SHAXSON -

TATHAM - Roger George.
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TAYLOR - On January 8th 1996, seacctully in Satisbury District Hospital, after a short liners, courageously borne. Margarel Earne, widow of the lefe John Taylor, formerly Bishop of Sheffield, and beloved mother of Bridget and the late Michael. Funeral at Wylye Parish Church, witshire, on Friday January 12th st 11.30 am. Family flowers only, but domaines. If desired, may be seen to Wylye Church c/o Chris White, let: 101722) 790750.

THOMSON - On Jacousty 4th 1996, peacefully in a musing home. Dorothy mobel. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Further enquiries to Directors. Funeral Directors. Bournemouth. lei: (01202) 509609

TRAILL - On 6th January 1996. Capain Henry Austin C.B.E. Royal Navy (ret'd), beloved husband of Bronwyn of The Garden House, Pilestiands. Sherborne, formetry of Lution House. Yrovil. Funeral Service at Yrovil. Funeral Service at Yrovil. To Principle 1997 on Monday January 15th at 12 30 pm. No flowers place but donalton for flowers place for the Association of Royal Naty Officers. (re Esson Naty Officers. (re Esson Naty Officers. (re Esson Naty Officers.)

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WARREN - Shaul. aged 29, much loved son of Rose and the late Bill Warren iformerly of SOAS), died suddenly on January 6th while travelling by rain with his pariner Mandy to bis mother's hothe. 4 Victoria Terrace, London N4 4DA, Rose and Mandy are develoated by his death. The funeral will be held at Golders Green Cremahorium on Sahurday. January 13th, at 2 pm.
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WHITTEMORE - Ernest
William, dear husband and
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Thanksgiving: All Saints',
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WIGHT - Millicent of Bury St
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January 6th 1996 aged 89. A
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EWART - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir William Ivan Cedi Ewart Bt., D.S.C., J.P. will be held on Sunday January 28th 1996 at 5 pm in the Parish Crutch of St Malachy, Hillsborough, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. **GIFTS**

SMITH - Terry FLT/LT retired. January 9th 1992. Loved and missed so very much by all his family.

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GALDICOT - Richard (Caldicot-Bull. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Thursday February 8th 12 noon of St Pour's Church. Covent Carden. WC2.

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François Mitterrand. Pesident of France, 1981-95, died from cancer yesterday aged 79. He was born on October 26, 1915.

rançois Mitterrand former President of the French lepublic, left a stronger imprint of France than any other figure ince the war except for Charles de Gaule. He was a statesman of grear dignit and brilliant political skills, but his why, aloof and secretive style was sometimes the enemy

secretive style was sometimes the enemy of his socialist humanism.

Abroad, he was a prime architect of European Union: and eve in the 1990s when scepticism grew, h held to his policy of an integrated Euppe, based on close Franco-German entette. At home, his great achievement in he 1970s and 1980s was to have forged the Socialists into an effective and inited party, building it into the main oposition group and edging the Communists onto the sidelines; and then, after taing power, to have helped to move the prity away from Marxist dogma and towads the centre, where it became social derocrat in all but name. By loosening Frace's old Leftname. By loosening Frace's old Left-Right polarisation, he thuplayed a major role in "normalising" Frech politics. But when the Socialists then bliapsed again in the early 1990s, and a welter of scandals, one contributing factor may have been his failure to povide the right

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kind of moral leadership.

Was he ever really a Socialist? The French public did not gite see him as one. After an erratic early career (he was at one time an active Vicinist), he did not join the party until he wasver 50; and his broad of corialism was those head in brand of socialism was Ilways hard to define. He took power in 981 on a firmly anti-capitalist platform; et within three years he was espousig the market economy.

He had a great flexibily, a readiness to adapt to new situations and this was a strength: but in his critic eyes he lacked consistency, and was csed "opportunis-tic" or even "unscrupulis". Certainly, a grasp of economics walnever his strongest point. This shy, resided, very private man was always someting of an enigma: "le Sphinx" was one niciame. His dual nature was a mix, it light be said, of Machiavelli and Marci Aurelius. On the one side, he was the aste and ambitious politician, tenacious ad self-confident, a man of great natual authority and dignity who played hicards close to his chest, a constant manulator behind the suave facade - "le Floratin" was another nickname. On the oth side, he was the sensitive intellectual withdrawn and introspective, a love of nature and of solitude, a gifted riter steeped in literature. ~

ven in the ottest of political battles, he we the impression that part his mind was elsewhere musing maybe about the flowers andrees of his beloved holiday home in the andes. These inner resources, this dept and detachment. added to his strengths a statesman. But they also made him mewhat aloof, and towards the end if his "reign" he developed a little of the monarchic imperiousness to with the French presidency easily lends self —"le nouveau Louis XIV" was arther sobriquet. This tendency towards randeur fuelled his unpopularity in thehal years of Socialist rule

In world affairs his passion — he maintained an asstive role for France. He travelled endssly, sometimes in bravura style, as ven in 1992 he visited besieged Sarajevo. the Middle East and Latin America, he poloyed French initiatives that led to sine frictions with the United States. In fence, he held to the Gaullist orthodox of the independent nuclear deterrent and of not rejoining Nato's military stacture. But, apart from this, he remainedloyal to the Western Alliance; and, justas he hated France's own Communistsso he retained a wary

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firmness towards the Soviet Union, even in its final Gorbachev era. in this, as in much else, Mitterrand kept largely to the Gaullist tradition that has long guided French foreign policy. But he departed sharply from de Gaulle in his vision of a united Europe. Without being truly a "federalist", like many Frenchmen he believed that France could best retain its influence by sharing some sovereignty within a larger European unit and in the later 1980s he became unquestionably the political leader of the Community. But then came German unification, which at first he saw as a threat, for the new larger Germany might steal the leadership from France and upset the delicate balance of the Paris-Bonn axis. Later, however, he recovered his poise and threw his efforts into securing the Maastricht treaty, on the road to monetary union. He and Chancelfor Kohl shared the same basic strategy of seeking to anchor Germany tightly into an integrated European Union, as a guarantee against new German adventurism. This policy, often derided in Britain, remained the constant of the later period of Mitterrand's long and tortuous

François Maurice Mitterrand was born at Jarnac (Charente) where his father ran the family vinegar works, having previously worked for the railways as stationmaster at nearby Angoulême. Both his parents were erudite: but it was his remarkable mother, a devout but broad-minded Roman Catholic, who did most to imbue him with a love of literature, to encourage him to write and to surround him with strict moral principles. And, though later his faith lapsed, this high-minded religious upbringing left its mark on his character, and perhaps helped to explain his desire always to test himself to the limits.

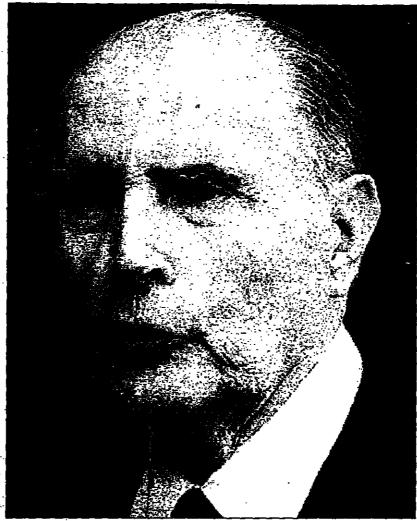
career from the 1940s.

He took a degree in law and political science at the University of Paris. At this period, in the late 1930s, he held naive right-wing views, like many students of that time, and even took part in pro-Fascist marches and supported the ultranationalist Croix-de-Feu movement (but there is no evidence that he was anti-Semitic). In the army in 1940 he was wounded and captured, then spent 18 months in German PoW camps where, with typical tenacity, he made three

attempts to escape, finally succeeding. Back in France, he won a job in Vichy's intelligence service and became an active supporter of that regime. He filled in files on Communists, Gaullists and other "enemies" of the State, and was decorated by Pétain. It was only at the very end of his life that the facts of this pro-Vichy role emerged and he confessed to it until then, he had always claimed that his Vichy work was a cover for Resistance activities (but French opinion had its doubts).

By late 1943, however, he was a committed Resistance leader, and was delegated to go to see de Gaulle in Algiers. The two men never got on: but Mitterrand's qualities shone brightly enough for him to be given a post in the General's first, temporary government. After a flirtation with journalism, he opted to enter politics: he joined a small centre party and in 1946 was elected a ièvre d northern Burgundy, and later Mayor of one of its little towns. Château-Chinon - a local power-base that he kept until he became President. In 1947, aged only 30, he became

Minister for ex-Servicemen; and over the next 11 years, through the shifting coalitions of the Fourth Republic, he was a minister ten times. He emerged as a talented, forceful figure but also as something of a trimmer - and certainly no man of the Left. True, as Minister for Overseas Territories in the early 1950s, he promoted some autonomy for the African colonies: but later, as Minister of the Interior, he backed the official cause of 'Algérie Française", and as Justice Minister in 1956 he connived at army roughhandling of FLN suspects. It was hardly an inspiring liberal record.



It was Mitterrand's dislike of de Gaulle, as much as anything, that determined his future career on the Left. After the General's return to power in 1958, he moved firmly into opposition, denouncing his style of rule as "a permanent coup d'état". In the presidential election of 1965 he took the reins of the Left in his hand and dared to stand against de Gaulle: he knew he could not win, but his creditable 44.8 per cent of the vote established him as the main opposition leader. But then the 1968 student and worker uprising caught him off balance: he made a clumsy and premature bid to assume power, which fell flat and discredited him.

There followed a period in the wilderness. By now, Mitterrand had decided that his best future lay with the Socialist Party, which was in disarray and looking for a new leader. So, at the decisive Epinay Congress of 1971, he got himself elected to that position - and along with it he espoused, with some misgivings, the whole battery of French Socialist anticapitalist dogma. He was authoritative enough to impose some degree of unity on an amicable rag-bag of a party, and thus to launch its long march towards power. In the 1974 presidential election, the very narrowness of his defeat by Valéry Giscard d'Estaing (he polled 49.2 per cent) served, if anything, to consolidate his resistion.

itterrand never liked the Communists, but he saw that the only way to power lay through alliance with them. It proved a rough marriage. A Joint Programme was signed in 1972, but it broke down for a while in 1977-78 and the Left thus failed to win the general election of 1978. However, by the end of Giscard's mandate in 1981, the country was in a mood for change: the Centre-Right had been in power for 23 years. Giscard had been piling up blunders, and so the floating middle-class voter felt finally prepared to risk a left-wing "adventure". These were the factors that brought Mitterrand into the Elysée Palace on May 10, 1981, with 51.7 per cent of the vote.

His reign began in a "state of grace", as

he called it, a national mood of euphoric excitement that swept along even many sceptics. He dissolved parliament, enabling the Socialists to romp home with a huge majority; he also sought to reassure, and formed a Government led by moderates such as its Prime Minister, Pierre Mauroy. But Mitterrand and the party were also pledged to a programme of radical change, aimed at decisively weakening the grip of capitalism in France, and this they swiftly set about implement-ing. Several big industrial groups were nationalised, together with 36 private hanks.

Above all, in a twofold bid to promote social equality and to solve a difficult economic situation. Mitterrand embarked on a Keynesian reflation policy of a kind that by then was totally out of fashion in the West. He poured money into welfare benefits, raised minimum wages, massively created new public service jobs, imposed new taxes on companies and on

The Left cheered. But by mid-1982 the economic results were becoming all too plain. The trade deficit was soaring, inflation was up to 14 per cent, and -worst of all for the Socialists' image unemployment, too, was rising fast, for the new public jobs were far out-weighed by the impact of company bankruptcies. Mitterrand knew it. His honeymoon with the French people seemed at an end.

He appeared to be in some doubt as to what to do. Some of his ministers and close advisers urged him to leave the European Monetary System, pull up the drawbridge of protectionism, and thus to save the reflation policy. Others, notably Mauroy and Jacques Delors, then Finance Minister, argued that this would be crazy: France was not, and could not be, Castro's Cuba. Mitterrand, never much of an economist, dithered for a while, genuinely torn; but finally, sided with Delors. It was probably his "European" instinct that guided this decision. He saw that a nation of France's importance simply could not go it alone within the monetarist West, and could not to this extent break ranks with West Germany. So he devalued the franc in return for a revaluation of the mark, and embarked on austerity measures that put paid to the costly largesse launched in 1981. Having ruled out protectionism, he had no other option.

This proved to be the most crucial turning point in the thinking and behav-iour of the Left in postwar France. Mitterrand's "conversion to economic realism" (as most observers put it) meant that he now espoused the market economy and began even to praise free enterprise. And such was his personal authority that he pulled most of the Socialist Party with him towards the centre: its semi-Marxist left wing, hitherto so vocal and influential, became strangely silent.

The austerity programme at first caused a slump in Mitterrand's popularity ratings. Many hard-left voters were furious with him, while the bourgeoisie remained mistrustful. But the President and his ministers stuck to their guns, and this soon paid dividends. By late 1984, inflation was halved and the trade deficit sharply reduced, while new investment was helping industry to modernise. The economy was back in fairly good shape but this did not save the Socialists from defeat in the general election of March

Mitterrand dealt very skilfully with the Communists during these years. In 1981 he gave them four junior ministries, so as to buy the party's acquiescence and that of its powerful trade union. Then, in 1984, angry at the austerity programme, they pulled out of the Government. This might have benefited them; but, in fact, it added to their isolation and to the archaism of their image, and in 1986 their vote plummeted to below 10 per cent. By refusing to compromise with them, and by modernising his own party. Mitterrand helped to hasten their decline, so that they ceased to be a major force in French politics. It had been a bit of a gamble, but it worked.

Despite the initial economic mistakes, his Government's overall record of reform in the 1981-86 period can be judged as extremely positive. In the fields of human rights and social progress, he abolished the death penalty, gave better protection

to coloured immigrants, obliged the police to behave more gently, modernised the labour laws, and doubled the state budget for the arts. He was a little less keen than some of his chief ministers on the regional devolution package that was the Govern-ment's major innovation, but he let it go through. As for the controversial nationalisations, they did much less harm than the Right had first feared; they even helped some big firms to restructure and become profitable again.

After 1983, with Socialist dogma in full

retreat, Mitterrand presided over price decontrol and other financial liberalisations. And he bowed to public pressure by abandoning plans to incorpo-rate church schools into the state system, long a tenet of party docurine.

In the foreign field, Mitterrand began in 1981 with a flourish of support for the Left in Central America that angered Washington. Later this gave way to more traditionally assertive policies nearer home, with the sending of troops into Lebanon, and others into Chad, against Gaddafi. Mitterrand underlined his tacit support for Nato by backing Chancellor Kohl in 1983 on the cruise and Pershing II missiles issue; but he kept open France's cherished bridges to Russia, by his own visits to Moscow and by being one of the first in the West to invite Gorbachev.

These independent, if sometimes ambiguous, policies went down well with French opinion. But when, in 1985, the Greenpeace fiasco led to the resignation of Mitterrand's old and trusted friend Charles Hernu, the Defence Minister, the President's own involvement in the sinking of the Rainbow Warrior in Auckland remained murkily unclear.

The Socialists' defeat in March 1986 was followed by the famous "cohabita-tion" period, 1986-88, a novelty in French politics. When the Right won those elections. Mitterrand's mandate still had two years to run: he chose not to resign, but had no other option than to appoint a Prime Minister acceptable to Parliament, and he picked the most obvious one, Jacques Chirac. These two men, so different but both so strong in personality. then proceeded to work together fairly well. "Cohabitation" would have been inconceivable even ten years earlier, and its relative success was a mark of how far Mitterrand had helped to break down the old polarisation.

Mitterrand astutely stayed aloof from the daily fray, thus avoiding the odium for the Government's various failures which instead fell largely on Chirac - and this put the former in the stronger position of the two for the next presidential contest, in May 1988. Mitterrand, now over 70, was tempted to retire from public life. But he did stand again for a second term, and he beat Chirac by an easy 8 per cent margin. Again he dissolved parliament, enabling the Socialists once more to ride in on the crest of his own success - but this time with a far smaller majority than in 1981. As a mark of conciliation, he chose as Premier his old Socialist rival and critic. Michel Rocard, and he discreetly supported Rocard's moves to form some entente with the Centre. Both men saw eye-to-eye on the desirability of seeking consensu French society, and of subtle, gradual change rather than the radical reformism of the early 1980s.

Perhaps as a sign of his old age. Mitterrand in this later period became ever more withdrawn and aloof, detached from domestic affairs. Some critics began to accuse him of the monarchical tendencies to which Fifth Republic Presidents so easily fall prone. Perhaps there were some excesses, such as the extravagant glorymaking that surrounded the celebrations of the Revolution's Bicentenary in July 1989. But Mitterrand's love of grandiose regal design has also left its mark on the French capital, through a number of expensive and high-profile architectural works that do not suit all tastes, but are certainly impressive - the Louvre pyramid, the Bastille Opera, the La Villette science complex, the giant cube of L'Arche at la Défense, and so on. He saw these as a key element in his plan to promote a French cultural renaissance based on Paris: "We are laying the base for a new urban civilisation," he said, though one critic retorted that he was "suffering from a Louis XIV complex'

Until around 1990, Mitterrand's reputation remained high, and he seemed in his best form both in France and abroad. But then, starting with his clumsy attempt to stop German unification, he made a series of uncharacteristic errors of judgment; and as the Socialists' standing slumped badly at home, so did his own.

At home, in May 1991, Mitterrand dismissed Michel Rocard though he was doing quite well, and appointed Edith Cresson (rumoured to be a former amour of his) as France's first woman Premier. This lively but provocative lady made some highly tactless remarks in public, about the Japanese and "les Anglo-Saxons", and in more serious ways, too. proved inadequate for the job. Under pressure, Mitterrand was obliged to rescind his rash choice. In April 1992 he replaced Cresson with the soberly reliable Pierre Bérégovoy, Finance Minister and his long-time friend.

Partly in an effort to bolster his own position. Mitterrand then decided to seek virtual plebiscite by putting ratification of the Maastricht Treaty to a referendum. though he need not have done so. In the vote, the "yesses" prevailed by a mere 51 to 49 per cent; many people voted "no". simply against Mitterrand; others were voicing the growing Euro-scepticism of a nation hitherto so Europhile. His rash gamble almost failed and this did not help

At the same time, the Socialists were in dire trouble: several of their leaders were now caught up in a startling series of scandals, involving bribery, embezzle-ment, even criminal negligence. The odium spilt on to Mitterrand, whose 20 per cent popularity rating was the lowest of any Fifth Republic President. Growing recession and unemployment also fuelled discontent. And in the National Assembly elections in March 1993, the Socialists were routed, losing 207 seats.

Historians will long debate how far

Mitterrand himself was to blame for this débácie. He may not have been directly involved in the corruption, but possibly he knew about some of it (as maybe he did with Rainbow Warrior), and this the public sensed. He was criticised for having failed to give the party the kind of moral leadership it needed; for having failed to complete its 1980s reform by helping to endow it with a coherent modern programme and message; and for using favouritism in his choice of At 76, the President now faced a new

"cohabitation", before his mandate ended in 1995. Maybe he should have resigned: but he stayed on, through a mix of pride and public duty. As Prime Minister of the new centre-right coalition, he chose Edouard Balladur of the RPR, a cautious. very capable man who proved a success. And Mitterrand got on with him even better than he had with Chirac with his own eyes on his place in history, and Balladur's on the Elysée, it was in neither's interests to rock the boat. By reason of his age and the scale of Socialist defeat, the President was more weakly placed than in 1986-88: so this time he kept a lower profile, interfering little in Balladur's handling of home affairs though still keeping some control of foreign and defence matters (he vetoed plans for new nuclear bomb tests). After the awful 1990-93 period, the resilient old fox quietly made some form of comeback.

On the foreign scene, Minterrand, during his last years in power, pursued a clear policy of giving humanitarian and material help to suffering war-torn peoples. Thus France sent far more troops into Bosnia with the UN than any other nation: it helped the Somalis; and in June 1994 it was the first to put forces into Rwanda. Even if tinged with prestigehunting, this policy was sincere and admirable. In 1990-91 Mitterrand also had a "good" Gulf War: that is, he took a big part militarily in the UN action against Iraq, while making his own diplomatic moves distinct from the US.

This won him respect. But within Europe his touch became less sure during this period, and it seemed that he failed to grasp the full significance of the dramatic changes which were taking place in the East. After the Berlin Wall fell, he at first spoke against German unity and even tried to win assurances from Gorbachev that it would not be allowed. But then he surrendered to the inevitable and later he was able to repair most of the damage done to his crucial

alliance with Bonn. He and Helmut Kohl always recognised their huge need for each other and. though differing on a number of issues. and in ideology, they worked quite well together. Mitterrand even managed to woo the Nato-inclined Kohl into a close defence co-operation symbolised by the Franco-German-led European Corps. And in tacit return for Kohl's support for monetary union, he modified French objections to enlarging the EU into Eastern Europe. As a prime creator of "Maastricht" and of the single market he also acted in close entente with his fellow French Socialist, Jacques Delors, President of the Commission. All in all, Mitterrand's belief in "Euron always a bit of an enigma, like his Socialism, and like the man himself: but he held to it amid the growing doubts of

This reserved and detached figure was seldom given to easy bonhomie. And it was often hard to identify his opinions and convictions. He was not a practising Christian, but he had a pantheistic feeling for nature and landscape that verged on the mystical; above all, he loved trees, and would go for long solitary walks in the forests around his summer home at Latche near the Landes coast. Equally he loved browsing in old bookshops, and in his own published books he showed fine gifts as a stylist. Sometimes he said that he might have preferred to devote himself to literature, not politics.

In his relations with colleagues he showed a strong authoritarian streak, and was often hard on subordinates. He could even be coldly cruel: after the Socialists' débacle in 1993, his cool refusal even to speak to Pierre Bérégovoy was said to be one factor that drove his former close friend to suicide. Mitterrand's secretive, Florentine trait showed itself in his dislike of round-table meetings and preference for one-to-one contacts: this could be hard on his advisers, who sometimes felt that he was playing one off against another. He was on "tu" terms with few people, and his suspicious attitudes towards those outside his own circle contrasted with his warm loyalty towards his close friends -people of all kinds, some of them businessmen and a few of them Socialist. He inspired great loyalty in return - and even colleagues who found him maddening, such as Michel Rocard, were fascinated by him.

t the end of his life. Mitterrand suffered from cancer of the prostate and was twice operated . on. In 1994 this worsening of his health coincided with the publication of a book, written with his co-operation, that finally revealed the truth about his Vichy past, and about his close postwar friendship with a former Vichy police chief. René Bousquet. This sick and aged man then went on television for 90 minutes to claim that history would pardon him for his wartime role. When Minerrand finally retired at the end of his second term, in May 1995, he left a legacy of very mixed feelings. Many of his left-wing supporters felt that he had abandoned the Socialist cause. More widely, too, many French felt that towards the end he had become apathetic, even cynical, about the growing corruption which touched even his own entourage, and that he had failed to give France any positive moral leader-ship in a troubled time. On the other hand, he was admired for his stoical fight against cancer, and for his successful cohabitation with Balladur. in 1944 he married Danielle Gouze, a

nurse, who throughout her life devoted herself to human rights causes and helping oppressed minorities, quite separately from her husband. She and their two sons survive him.

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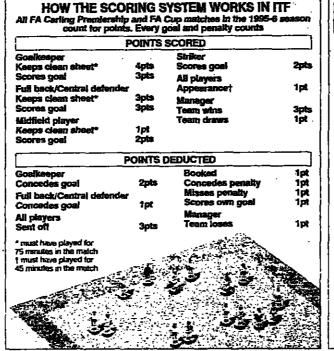
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Peacock's position in Newcastle'; defence has given him the chance to gauge Premiership strikers at close quarters

Peacock's proud display

HALFWAY through the season and am fourth in the players' table, am 1? That is not bad. Still, there is a long way to go: it is a marathon not a sprint. I can cone out with all the cliches, just like a typical

My team is called MBL's, although 1 have no idea why. I picked the ide pre-season and I cannot remember what the name means. It is not the team I would like, it is the team I could affort.

I started with Alan Shearer, who cost me £10 million, but he is always worth the money for the number o goals he scores. Then I picked the rest of the team down the middle of the field- Bosnich in goal and the two centre hilves - but the choices all came down to money. Once the key players were is position, I pulled the rest out of a hat.

If I could change the rues, I would have picked most of the Newcastle team, but we are not allowed to pick players from our own club, which prevents that idea. Still, we have to sick our own manager and, after Stearer, Kevin Keegan is my top poins scorer, so I cannot complain there.

The midfield players lave done quite well for me, although Andy Sinton has not played much, so has not got me that many points. I knew Gary McAllister would score a few gods; he gets a few from free kicks and is also a penalty-taker

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Darren Peacock, a central defender for Newcastle

United, picks his ITF team

for Leeds, so there were points to be had there. Then there is David Batty. Although Blackburn did not have the best of starts to the season. Batty earned some points by scoring a goal the other week. He is also a good, solid player who puts a lot into his football. Hopefully, if Blackburn continue to show their best form, I will profit from it.

Andy Impey was an easy choice. He plays for my former club, Queens Park Rangers, so I knew what sort of player he would be in the team. That is why I also

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chose David Bardsley and Clive Wilson I know them as players and I know what they can do.

Mark Bosnich was a good selection. Aston Villa have one of the best defensive records in the FA Carling Premiership. which means Bosnich has kept quite a few clean sheets this season - and that means more points for me. Paul McGrath is a great defender, so

he was a good choice for my team. How old is he now? 45? Well, maybe not quite. but he still keeps going and going. I think he has been injured, but he will be back - he always is. These days he does not bother so much with training, he turns out only for the games, but he is still a great player. I hope I am still going at his

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NEWS

Labour's all-women lists illegal

■ Labour's election planning was thrown into confusion yesterday when its policy of preventing men from standing in dozens of parliamentary seats was declared illegal by an industrial tribunal in Leeds.

The party immediately froze its process to select candidates in 14 constituencies, nine of which were close to making a choice from women-only shortlists, but it is almost certain to appeal against the ruling of sexual discriminationPage 1

New York crime rate frozen

■ The New York weather was so bad that even the muggers stayed at home. Police said there had been no homicides, stabbings or robberies since Saturday night. There are usually three or four murders a day. Officers checking reports of naked people snowballing found they were CaliforniansPage I

Mitterrand dies

World leaders paid tribute to François Mitterrand, the longestserving French President, who died from prostate cancer, aged 79. His funeral is on Thursday Pages 1, 10, 11, 16, 17, 19

Doctor's dog bait

An NHS trust paid £1,700 to import Fritz, the Rottweiler dog belonging to a consultant anaesthetist as part of a salary package to lure him from America, it was disclosed.

Portillo anger

Michael Portillo accused enemies in the Conservative Party of running a campaign against him amid claims from his supporters of a left-wing plot to end his leadership chances Page 2

Blair's stake

Tony Blair promised that a Labour government would unite the country by trying to give every citizen a stake in the economy and a sense of belonging .. Pages 2, 16

The marriage of Emma Thomp-

Ken and Emma

son and Kenneth Branagh had begun to founder three years before they announced their separation last OctoberPage 3 in the rough

A champion woman golfer was suspended from her club after punching a businessman when he stroked her thigh, an industrial tribunal was told Page 3

Helicopter crash

A Scottish lighthouse keeper described the crash in dense fog of an RAF Chinook helicopter in which 25 of Ulster's top anti-terrorist experts and four crew died instantly....

Mother's sacrifice

Karine Ratcliffe, 31, who was on a Sunday walk, pushed her two young sons out of the path of a crashing car. She took the full force of the impact and was

Army of carers

Social work is become the fastest growing occupation with battalions of community care workers, residential care assistants and home helps recruited to look after an ageing population Page 6

Orphanage opened China opened a Shanghai or-

phanage but failed convincingly to refute reports by a New York human rights group of deliberate starvation there. Anti-Dole drive

Five weeks before the lowa caucuses, the Republican presidential candidates have attempted to

deprive Robert Dole of their party's nomination ... Balloon challenge

An American banker is trying to beat Richard Branson to the title of first man to circumnavigate the globe in a balloon, the last major aviation record.

Fantasy fairies float into film

A fairy story that fooled the public for over 60 years is to be filmed by Paramount as The Golden Afternoon. In 1917, two schoolgirl cousins, Elsie Wright, 15, and Frances Griffiths, 9, convinced Kodak and the novelist Sir Arthur Conan Doyle that they had photographed fairies dancing in woods in West Yorkshire. Elsie explained the hoax in 1983.



Michael Portillo and his Japanese counterpart, Seishiro Eto, reviewing a guard of honour in Tokyo yesterday. Page 2

BUSINESS

Economy: A surge in consumer spending during the second half could put base rates up to as much as 8 per cent in 1997, the Ernst & Young Item Club says Page 23 Marks & Spencer: Britain's leading retailer has appointed its first woman to the board as an executive director. Clara Freeman, 43, is responsible for personnel Page 23 Forte: Granada will have to raise its offer for Forte by about 15 per cent to have a chance of overcoming Forte's defencePage 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index closed 16.1 points up at a record 3720.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index was down from 83.5 to 83.4 after falling from \$1.5530 to \$1.5495 and from DM2.2326 to

Cricket: Jack Russell has been left out of England's team for the first one-day international against South Africa despite his excellent .. Page 44

SPORT

Rugby union: Michael Lynagh, captain of Australia in the last World Cup, has signed a three-year contract with Saracens. He is at present playing for the Italian club.

meet Uefa next month to demand to field as many European Union nationals as they wish in the three cup competitions ... Racing: In a case of mistaken identity at Southwell, Loch Style ran in the name of another horse. Taniyar, in the Waterford Median

☐ General: England and Wales will

have a mainly bright morning with

showers on western coasts. Eastern England will have a grey start with rain

at times, but this will soon clear to leave a brighter alternoon.

The showers in the west will

become more widespread for a time but then die out once more after dark.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a day of blustery showers, with some heavy downpours developing in western parts during the morning. The east will remain drier with some

London, S E England, E Anglik

E England: cloudy, rain in the east, brighter by the afternoon. Wind

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Auction Stakes

Football: Manchester United will

sertalised: Thirty years of sleaz in British public life is the subject of an epic drama series on BBC IV from next week, Our Friend in the North Page 33 Britpophriumphs: The shortlist for the Brit Awards is dominated by Blur, Ossis, Radiohead and Pulp.

ARTS V

_Page 33 Schiele on how: The finest private collection of Egon Schiele paintings is on show in Düsseldorf, offering a superb survly of this provocative

David Shclair asks whether this

means Blitpop commands a dis-

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Powerful Puccini: In Leeds, Phyllida Lloyd has revived her superbly dramatic staging of La

TOMOGROW

Style with staying power finding a sale bargain it classic cashmee

connect to The Times

Stuttaford on male potency; Alan Coren on how to behave when older; Nigel Hawkes on the importance of vitamins and other substances; Rita Carter on the healthiest foods Pages 12, 13 School contracts: Parents could soon have to sign agreements to ensure their children attend school and do homework. This proposal contains a serious flaw, Nigella Lawson says...

Ageless ageing, day 2: Dr Thomas

New drug: François Mitterand died of cancer of the prostate. Dr Thomas Stuttaford says it can be cured if diagnosed quickly, and a new drug can relieve pain...

Privatising security: Are security officers doing as good a job as the police did in guarding the

François Mitterrand embodied the period in which he held sway. The euphoria of the early years of his presidency did not last. But for all his failures and contradictions, he displayed a remarkable breadth of vision. His grand projects, like the great glass pyramid at the Louvre, survive him. He left his stamp on a generation: of how many contemrary noliticians can we say as

much?

ion: The scandal of China's

state orphanages is revealed in Return to the Dying Rooms (Channel 4, 7pm). Review: Matthew Bond on an air ambulance drama where serval chemistry rules Page 43

Fiancois Mitterrand

MMitterrand wished to go down in history as the architect of domesnesocial peace and European unity History, if it acknowledges that these were indeed the driving ambittens of this most impenetrable

and devious of political actors, will

prisent a stiff reckoning Page 17 The select few

The fairest of all methods of selection for general aptitude is still an IQ test, combined perhaps with: tess in English and maths. Childrn's ability should be allowed to spak for itself Page 17

Rill romance revived Fron today the little Kent town of Asford will be the doorway to a connent of adventure...... Page 17

LIBY PURVES

I have spent magical days watching OH director Richard Gregson andhis colleagues make children whee horizon had been bounded by Richael Jackson perform short opens; the emotional force of must drama held even the hardest case in thrall.

FRINK FIELD

Und stakeholders' welfare, selfimpivement would again be put at theentre of Labour's policies. A reconstuted National insurance chee, with benefits more clearly linke to contributions, would also openhe door to a contributor-run organiation... ...Page 16

CHALES BREMNER Francis Mitterrand said often

enoug that he wanted to go down in hisry as the builder of the new Europof Maastricht. Failing that, he mae sure he would be remembereds the architect of the new

France Mitterand, President of

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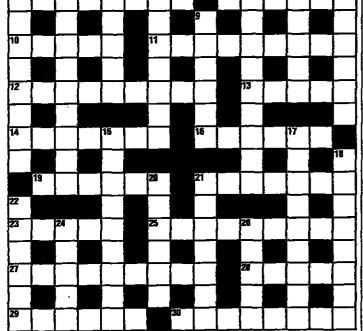
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- ACROSS
- 1 Recoil from bribe (8). 5 Representations setting motorway back by years (6).
- 10 Long story without point (5). 11 Collapse and sell up completely
- (3.4.2).12 In a predicament as honest error
- repelled head (2,3.4). 13 Silly person cooking this bird ruins plan (5).
- 14 Found out, as Uriah was, in a way 1 16 Corrective efforts when deserter's apprenended in time (h).
- 19 Kidnapping in US succeeded, of course, briefly (6).
- 21 Appropriate vessel for Cook? (7). 23 Lead removed from toy gun (5).
- 25 Slogan resulting from discussion
- with hunter, perhaps (9). 27 Reprove players taking single in
- front of wicket, say (9). 28 International volunteers going in
- first in umpleasant spot (5).
- Solution to Puzzie No 20.058
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29 Doctor has to move carefully to operate on bed (6). 30 Harvest fruit crop up again (8).

DOWN

- 1 Principal directors needed facility to provide notes (8).
- 2 Skilled workers put together vessel's pieces (9).
- 3 Number in huge Egyptian celebration (5).
- 4 Acclaimed and honoured internationally with Nobel finally clinched (7).
- 6 Animals collected with various game round new lake (9). 7 Relish nothing more than a breath
- of fresh air (5). 8 Musicians exercises with direc-
- tion in prescribed form (6). 9 Rejuctant to enter church in cloak
- 15 Writing characters into the script?
- 17 Try to put off casual worker with no increment (9).
- 18 One hoping to take game and depart deliriously with gold (8). 20 Seat for Jumbo pilot who had
- shakes (6). 21 Upset about article, but you'll have to accept it (2,5).
- 22 Held up as railway service (of top quality) departs (6). 24 Shakespearean clown's singular
- entry in public entertainment (5). 26 Agitated male workers getting little money (3,2).

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Scotland, Glasgow, Argyl, N W Scotland, N Ireland: bright spells, showers developing, some heavy. Wind southerly resh or strong, Max 9C (48F).

☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dindee, Aberdeen, Centrel Highlands, Mo-ray Firth, N E Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: sunny spells, isolated showers Mainly dry after dark; Wind south to southeasterly fresh or strong. Max 9C (48F)

☐ Outlook mainly bright with scattered showers, rain spreading from the west on Thursday.

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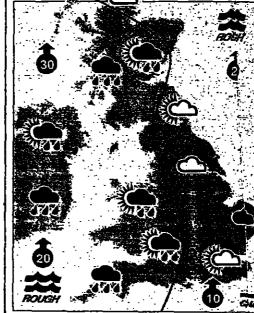
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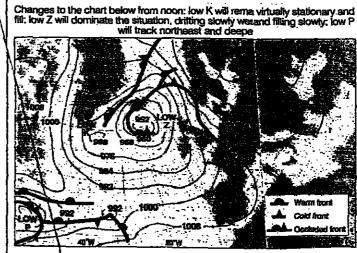
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